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The Torch

January 1997 Vol. 1

Newsletter for:

Bless us, Cord, in this new year of your making, that we might be faithful in our service to Jesus Christ, who makes us new by your grace and love! Amen.

From the Pastor . . .

January Epiphany dazzles us with starry promises of something wonderful for the future

Wise men reaching the "City of Bread" to see the "Bread of Life" present gifts of honor, grace, and power which foretell the unfolding truth of sacrifice and grace; Traveling home in secret allows the parents and baby to escape the wrath of jealousy and greed, until a safer time will allow the child to transform the world.

A new year is celebrated with glittery ticker tape, balloons, parties and too much to eat and drink

Wise followers remember that the Christmas story is reflected in the newness of the year . . . the one who will make all things new is born to us!

Traveling "home" to that special place of spiritual truth allows the child a "safe" entry into our lives so that he might transform today's world.

A new year is celebrated . . . a year of our Lord, Jesus Christ . . . nineteen hundred ninety-seven!

May God's wisdom, Christ's love and

the Spirit's peace bless you this year!

In his name,

Worship in January . . .

Sunday, Jan. 5 Epiphany Sunday Isaiah 60: 1 - 6; John 1:1-18 "Your Light Has Come!"

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Sunday, Jan. 12 First after Epiphany Acts 19: 1 - 7; Mark 1: 4 - 11 "Baptism for all . . . "

Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated!

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Sunday, Jan. 19 Second after Epiphany I Samuel 3:1-20; John 1: 43-51
"I hear you, Lord!"

ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON after worship!

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Sunday, Jan. 26 Third after Epiphany
Psalm 62: 5 - 12; Mark 1: 14 - 20
Pastor Aitcheson will be at worship in
Nairobi, Kenya with a surgical team this
Sunday. Guest preacher: Dr. Emmett O.
Floyd.

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If you have read this far, let someone in the church office know.

Pledge in?

No, it's not too late. Your pledge for the 1997 year is important in helping us plan for the program and mission for the new year.

If you have questions call us. If you need a pledge folder, let us know.

Please do send in your pledge, today, if you have not done so already!

Thanks!

Budget Finance Committee

YOUTH NEWS...

Due to the holidays, our winter/spring calendar has not been planned. Hope to see everyone for a planning session on Jan. 5 at 1:30 pm.

Ideas to be considered:
Fundraising for trip to
Williamsburg;dates for trip
Valentine's Day Dinner - Feb. 14
30 Hr. Famine; Ski trip
Registration

See you on the 5th!

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER....

Parents, Please help us with our Valentine's Dinner! We will need the following items: Card tables, table cloths, red candles & holders, Valentine napkins

Your help to prepare meal and help with clean up will be needed.

ENCOURAGE YOUR
YOUTH TO PARTICIPATE

READY TO SKI?

SKI TRIP DATE - FEB. 8, 1997

Sign up is Jan. 5, 1997

Cost: Half day - \$27.00 Lift Fee

12:30-4:30 pm -\$10.00 Rental

-\$ 12.00 Lesson

Twilight - \$35.00 Lift Fee

12:30 - 10:00 pm - \$12.00 Rental

\$12.00 Lesson

Lessons are a MUST for first time skiers!

A Christmas Thank

After Christmas is the time to write thank-you notes for all our Christmas gifts, and your Music Team has much to be thankful for. So, here are our letters...

First, to the Chancel Choir: Many changes have taken place this year, and you have adapted graciously to all of them. For all your hard work in 1996, for the Concert in May, for the Moravian Love Feast, and for everything in between — for your gifts of music to us — we are very grateful to you all.

Then, to the Handbell Choirs: Your efforts have produced beautiful music for the congregation and the choirs, and we appreciate every note. The progress that both Choirs have made has been very impressive. Thank you so much!

And finally, to the Congregation: We could not have accomplished any of this without your love and support. The praise you share with us each Sunday has been so helpful as we try to present music that will lift your hearts to God. It is never a chore, but always a pleasure to bring the music to you. Thank you for all you do to keep us inspired.

Remember, always and forever, It's Your Song, Lord!

The Music Team

Our Prayer List . . .

Remember the following persons in your prayers this month . . . as of December 18, 1996

For healing and release from pain:
Lanie Hayes Carey Andes Jane McNaney
Zya Barnes Charles Woolsey Linda Raker
Helene Spoida Robert Timms Dawn Shephard
Dale Hooper Nancy Welborn Fred Daniels
Ruth Marlowe Herbert Stainback Isabel Blanc
Lorraine Linton Destin Rickard Laurie Welch
Doug Wood Dr. J.R. Kernodle Jane Miller
Ernie McLelland

To add your loved one or friend to our prayer chain call 584-0391.

Weekly bulletins update the list each week!

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Wic and Jacki Vickers on the birth of a son, William Robert on Dec. 4, 1996 at Women's Hospital in Greensboro. The proud grandparents are Ann and Earl Vickers.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO ...

- + Jim and Nora Griswold and family in the passing of Jim's mother, Mrs. Myrtle K. Griswold on Nov. 27, 1996.
- + Dr. and Mrs. John Irvine, Jr. and family in the passing of John's father, John Irvine, Sr. on Dec. 2, 1996 in Harrisonburg, VA.
- + Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bensen and family in the passing of Kenneth's mother on Dec. 4, 1996.
- + Beth and Louis Wilkins in the passing of Beth's uncle, Donald Lees on Dec. 13, 1996 in Minnesota.
- + Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith in the passing of Gladys's brother, David Vestal on Dec. 15, 1996.

Opportunities for Service at our Sunday Services Flowers for January

05 Dr. and Mrs. Emmett Floyd

12 Mrs. Venita Edwards

19 Mrs. Mary Shaw Cunningham

26 Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blanchard

Ushers for January

05 Earl Parker, Mike Mayse, Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley

12 Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Tommy Oakley, Stan Willard

19 Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, Bill Beyer, Richard Orsvath

26 Sybyl White, Dick Rinker, George Troxler, Bill Linde, Yancey Tickle

Acolytes for January

05 Megan Brown and Rebecca Perry

12 Robbie Tickle and Susan Heinzerling

19 Robert Danieley and Miranda Rich

26 Nicole Williamson and Christine Fogleman

Greeters for January

05 Wally and Nell Snyder

12 Volunteers Needed

19 Volunteers Needed 26 Volunteers Needed

Nursery for January

05 Robin and Mike Gregory

12 Betty and Roger King

19 Patsy and Ralph Jourdan

26 Jim and Lorene Lyon

Second Hour Child Care for January

05 Christy Chappell and David Ruth

12 Sherri and Keith Linton

19 Lesli and Lynn Denny

26 Helen and Bill Rippy

Church Attendance in December

Nov. 24 - 156

Nov. 27 Community Thanksgiving Service - 266

Dec. 01 - 119 Dec. 08 - 146

Dec. 15 - 271

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS....

JANUARY CIRCLE MEETINGS

Circle 1 - Will meet Monday, January 6, 10:30 a.m. in Church Library. Hostess: Verona Danieley.

Circle 2 - Will meet Monday, January 6, 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mary Butler.

Circle 3 - Will meet Tuesday, 7, 7:30 p.m. in the Church Library. Hostess: Vera Dixon.

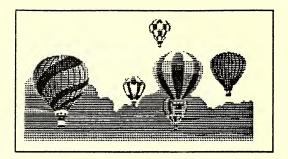
When you discard your old eye glasses please bring them to the church and place in marked box near the office. These are mailed to a medical group who then distribute them to needy persons in their world countries when they conduct their mission trips.

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On Prayer . . .

"In prayer, it is better to have heart without words, than words without heart. Prayer will make a man or woman cease from sin or will entice a person to cease from prayer. The Spirit of prayer is more precious than treasures of gold and silver. Pray often, for prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge for Satan!" John Bunyan

"The highest and greatest calling of Christians is the ministry of prayer!"



Board of Trustees News... submitted by Bill Ellis, TORCH reporter

The Board of Trustees meeting of December 8, 1996, dealt with church upkeep as well as Board personnel and their duties.

Of special interest was the election of Jerry Dillashaw to replace Barry Raker as Chairperson of the Board, Barry's term of office being completed.

Concerning upkeep, the following items are being worked upon: roof, leaks, broken windows, and - very important - roof gutter cleanout.

In addition, the Pastor introduced the idea of church organizations "adopting" a room, or a facility, for needed maintenance or improvements. (The room converted for use by the Stepehens Ministry would be a good example of this idea).

A discussion followed relating to the Long Range Planning Retreat, where lengthy Elon College Community Church projects are considered and evaluated; for example: Property use, Church climate control, Library lighting, Wheelchair access in the Sanctuary, and Handicap parking space in the parking area.

The meeting's final business dealt with a report by subcommittee chair for
Finance/Administration, Phoebe
Harrision, concerning an
analysis of pledges.

The meeting concluded, as it began, with a moment of prayer.

Annual Meeting Covered Dish Luncheon

JANUARY 19, 1997
Following Worship . . .
At the Parish House . . .
All members are asked to attend the Annual Meeting of the Church. All are welcom

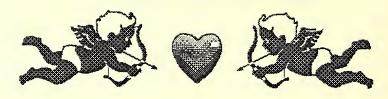
Annual Reports will be available in the Narthex by January 12. (If you are a leader board chair, etc. please remember that your report is due in the office no later than December

Bring a covered dish for your household and a few extras!

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES (12/12)11 MONTHS

CCB General Checking Acct REPORT DATE: 11/30/96

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Youth Fellowship ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER Feb. 14, 1997 Bring a Friend, group of Friends, or Your Best Friend

SEATINGS 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm BY RESERVATION ONLY Call 584-0391 by FEB. 7 COST: \$8.00 PER PERSON

This event is sponsored by our Youth and the money will benefit Habitat for Humanity

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From the Pastor . . .



The Inner Voice of Love . . . A Reflection for February

Many of you know how much I have admired the friendship and the writings of Henri J.M. Nouwen. One of his last publishing efforts before his untimely death this past September was a book entitled, <u>The Inner Voice of Love: A Journey Through Anguish to Freedom</u> (Doubleday, New York; November 1996). I purchased the book as a gift to myself for spiritual nurture.

This is not a book one picks up and reads from cover to cover.

The text is a published copy of a journal kept by Henri in 1988 when he faced deep depression and spiritual anguish. The content is heavy. It is thought provoking. It rumbles with the awesome vibration of the Holy Spirit's intervention into a life that has always seemed so well put together, but actually was torn apart by loss, fear, loneliness and discouragement. It is a book of divine love and spiritual healing.

It is most appropriate for February's trip with Saint Valentine. It is more appropriate for the beginning of the Lenten Season.

Henri writes at the close of the book:

What once seemed such a curse has become a blessing. All the agony that threatened to destroy my life now seems like the fertile ground for greater trust, stronger hope, and deeper love. . . . During my months of anguish, I often wondered if God is real or just a product of my imagination. I know that while I felt completely abandoned, God didn't leave me alone But I have heard the inner voice of love, deeper and stronger than ever. I want to keep trusting in that voice and be led by it beyond the boundaries of my short life, to where God is all in all!

Henri, you have succeeded, by risking the sharing of your anguish and growth with the likes of us. The inner voice of love that originates with God and enters into the midst of our existence is the hope that brings us from the horror of the cross to the awesome joy of Easter. It is the ingredient that allows us to hear Jesus commanding us to "love one another".

May God reach deeply into the lives of this congregation as we seek to love and be loved, to teach and to be taught, and to heal and be healed.

Have a blessed month as you encounter the "Inner Voice of Love".

In His love,

Arch

¹Nouwen, Henri J.M.; The Inner Voice of Love: A Journey
Through Anguish to Freedom; Doubleday, New York. 1996. p.117-118.

Elon College Community Church of the United Church of Christ Lenten Study Program 1997

Course Texts: Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World by Henri J.M. Nouwen Crossroad Publishing Co. New York, New York 1994

Can You Drink the Cup?

by Henri J.M. Nouwen Ave Maria Press Notre Dame, Indiana 1996

CLASS SESSION	DATE	READING ASSIGNMENT
Session I	2/13/97	Beloved pages 7 - 42 Being & Becoming Beloved
Session II	2/20/97	Beloved pages 43- 68 Taken & Blessed
Session III	2/27/97	Beloved pages 69-119 Broken & Given / Living
Session IV	3/06/97	<u>Drink?</u> pages 13 - 54 Holding the Cup
Session V	3/13/97	Drink? pages 55 -78 Lifting the Cup
Session VI	3/20/97	<u>Drink?</u> pages 79 -102 Drinking the Cup
Session VII	3/27/97	<u>Drink</u> ? pages 103-111 Answer / One Cup, One Body

It will be important to make every effort to read each selection <u>before</u> coming to the session. Session I will feature a "Silent Communion" focused on the motions of the Sacrament.

JOURNALS

Participants are asked to keep a daily reflection journal for the seven weeks. The reflections should be based upon the reading and how it impacts your spiritual being. reflections can be as simple as one sentence, a short paragraph, a poem or a prayer ... anything that mirrors the impressions and feelings the reading brings into your life. You will not be asked to share these unless you are willing to do so. Arch will ask for a voluntary reading of two or three reflections from different participants during worship each week

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Our Session will begin after our congregational celebration of this Holy Event which will begin at 6:00 P.M. and will feature an observance of the Last Supper using the themes from our study program!

YOUTH NEWS....

FEBRUARY....

Feb. 2: "Heather Day"

Bring items for a care package to Heather. Homemade cookies and goodies are always welcome. Meet at 1:30 pm.

Feb. 8: Ski Trip to Sugar Mtn.

Meet at the church at 7:00 am to leave promptly. Return to church by 9:30 pm. Please arrange for pick-up at that time.

Feb. 9: Begin preparations for Valentine's Dinner. Everyone is needed to participate. Card tables, table cloths, candles, candle holders, and food items are needed by this date.

Feb. 13: Meal Preparation for Valentine's Dinner. Everyone's help is needed!! Table set up and decorating crew is needed.

Feb. 14: Come as soon as possible after school. Everyone will be needed to serve & clean up. Parents are also needed to help in the kitchen.

Feb. 16: No Youth Fellowship!!

Feb.21-22: 24 Hr. Famine

The fast begins at 6:00 PM on Fri. and ends at 6:00 pm on Sat. We will spend time learning more about world hunger. Bring juice and/or bottled water.

Feb. 23: Adopt-A-Grandparent program begins...Meet at 1:30 pm. We will begin our monthly adventure to Twin Lakes.



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Lenten Study Program for 1997

This year classes will be held on Thursday Evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The texts for the class will be

Book 1: The Life of the Beloved and Book 2: Can You Drink this Cup by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Pastor Arch will be the instructor. The cost of the program will be \$22.00 which includes copies of both texts. (If you have copies of these books already there will be a discount.) Each person attending the sessions will need the texts and a blank book for journaling. There will be seven consecutive sessions beinning Thursday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m.

The sessions will focus on the themes of the books and our own spiritual understanding of the Lord's Last Supper as it applies to our daily lives. If you attended last year's study you know how powerful Henri's message can be in your life. If you did not, make every effort to attend this year.

The program will make a difference in your celebration of Easter and in the way you live out your faith in the future!

Send the form (below) to the Church Office by February 6 or put it in the offering plate on Sunday morning before that date. Classes will begin on February 13 at 7:00 sharp in the Gregory Library! The last session will follow our Maundy Thursday

Service during Holy Week.

cut here LENTEN STUDY PROGRAM 1997 REGISTRATION

NAME:PHONE:		
I will will not need the two textbooks.		
I would like transportation to and from the session each week.		
I would be delighted to provide a ride for another person each week.		
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With this form send a check made out to Elon College Community Church and mark the memo: "Lenten Study Program". Please register no later than February 6! You may send it to LENTEN STUDY PROGRAM ECC Post Office Box 625 Elon College NC 27244-0625 or/ clip check to the form and place in the offering plate on Sunday mornings! Questions? Telephone 584-0391 or 584-8147 days.

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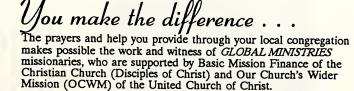
"... we have a building from God, a house not made

SERVING OTHERS IN BEIRUT

Contrary to the negative portrayal of Middle East peoples in U.S. media, Timothy Rose had many very positive experiences in Lebanon during an internship there. He was struck by both the diversity and the level of Lebanese hospitality. Long a meeting place between Arab and European worlds, on the streets of Lebanon he found veils and miniskirts, pizza and falafel, rap and oriental music. "Everywhere I went people invited me into their homes and offered me food and drink; they were more than happy to take me places."

His stay was interrupted by an Israeli military offensive in which several hundred Lebanese civilians were killed and over 400,000 Lebanese forced to flee from southern Lebanon to Beirut. Timothy reported that the people, who had lived through 17 years of war, reacted calmly. "Peace and security is something I had always known but something that they rarely knew," he observed.

The World Student Christian Federation and the Middle East Council of Churches, a Global Ministries partner, responded to the situation by housing refugees in schools. The theological school where he was staying became a distribution center for refugee supplies. "Frankly, I was amazed at how people, both Christian and Muslim, responded. Every day I saw young and old working nonstop. It was only then that I began to realize what it truly means to serve others."



January 1997 **GLOBAL** MINISTRIES



February 1997 Monthly Planner



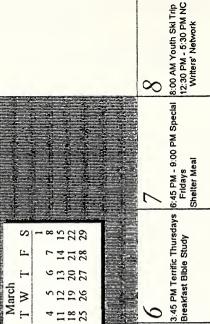
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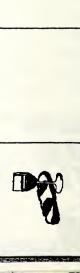
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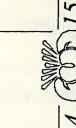
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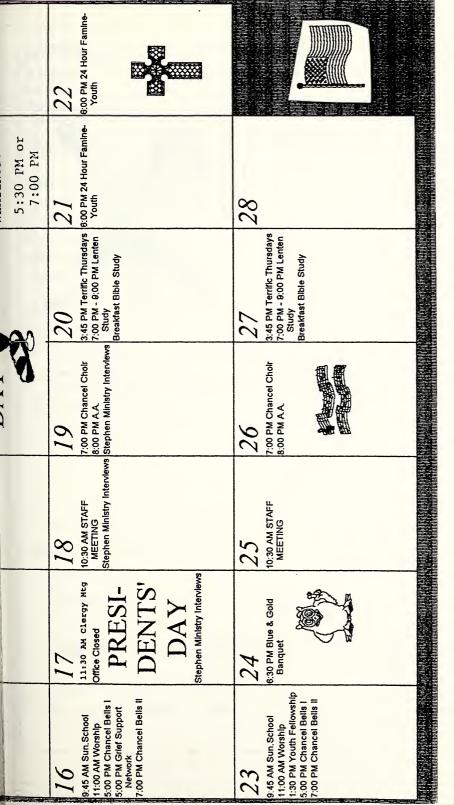
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Remember to:

- Sign up for the Lenten Study Class - Make Reservations for the Valentine's Dinner TODAY! for 1997!

Breakfast Bible Study -7:30 AMI

Writer's Corner . . . Words from the fellowship . . .

submitted by Lois Scott Luke and Della Scott

While Jim was in Florida with Bill, Mother asked me to call her each morning as I left for school - she said that she certainly did not want to sleep until 8:00.

Realizing that she might not be able to hear the phone, she awoke each morning at 5:00 and put her hearing aid in. She then lay awake waiting for my phone call.



One morning she was thinking about her impending birthday and remembered a time when Bill's oldest daughter, Libby, announced on her sixth birthday, "It takes two hands to tell my birthday now!" Mother began reflecting about how she could tell her age and wrote the following poem. (Lois)

How old am I?
Well, who knows?
Multiply five times toes
Plus five times fingers
And what have you got?
Take away six . . .
My goodness, that's a lot!
How old am I?
Well, who knows?
You figure it!

-Della C. Scott October, 1996

(Editor's note: On Della's birthday she stood in worship and challenged us all to reach for the birthday she celebrated!)

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

+ Ken and Lou Harper and family in the death of Ken's mother, Mrs. Pearl Harper on January 12, 1997 in Henderson, NC.

From Our Mailbox:

Dear Church Family:
Thank you very much for the
Christmas presents. I enjoy them a
lot. I really appreciate your
generosity. Thanks again and best
wishes in the New Year!

Your Friend, Joe Mattern ♡♡♡♡♡♡♡♡♡♡♡♡♡♡♡♡

We invite you to celebrate with us
the marriage of our children
Christy Lynn
and
David Andrew
on Saturday, March the first
Nineteen hundred and ninety-seven
at three o'clock in the afternoon
Elon College Community Church
271 Williamson Avenue
Elon College, North Carolina

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen R. Chappell
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Ruth

Board of Deacon News....Submitted by Gayland Welborn, TORCH Reporter

The Board of Deacons began the New Year electing new officers for 1997. Our officers are:

Chairperson - Marie Wilkins Secretary - Gayland Welborn Church Council Representatives:

Beth Wilkins Marie Wilkins

Deacon in charge of Liturgists:

Tom Conally

Deacon in charge of Ushers:

Ray Harclerode

Deacon in charge of Bereavement Meals: Verona Danieley

Our Deacons are looking forward to a terrific New Year and we hope to be serving each family when the need arises. We are planning a training session for ushers and look forward to the start of our Stephens Ministry Program on March 17, 1997.

Ten Commandments For A Happy Church

Garden City (NY) Community UCC believes in the Ten Commandments, both sets of them. You all know by heart the ones in the Bible, don't you? Here are those other 10 - for a happy church:

 Speak to people, especially those you don't know.

Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown, only 14 to smile.
 Call people by name. Don't know a

person's name? Introduce yourself first.

4. Be friendly and helpful. Nobody

4. Be friendly and helpful. Nobody can have enough friends.

5. Be cordial. It's catching.

6. Be genuinely interested in people.They'll return the favor.7. Be generous with praise, and just

as sparing with criticism.

8. Be considerate of the feelings of

others. Toes are tender.

9. Be alert to give service. Try giving yourself away. It's fun.

10. Develop a sense of humor - and mix with patience and humility.

Dear Friends at Elon College Community Church,

Greetings from Nashville, Tennessee! I have had a peaceful and productive first week here as I prepare to start classes next week. The overwhelming support for my journey from all of you is a great encouragement to me. Each one of you is such a blessing to the community of Elon College and I am so thankful for the opportunity I have had to be a part of such an amazing group of people.

Thank you with all of my heart for the food and monetary gifts you have bestowed upon me. I am honored to be so cared for. My cabinets are full and living expenses taken care of for the next couple of months - I cannot begin to thank you enough for that. There is no greater example of the heart and hands of Christ this side of heaven than Elon College Community Church.

Although there is a lot of hard work ahead of me, knowing I have the prayer support and love of all of you affirms my call to ministry in the United Church of Christ. Again, I thank you and want you to know that my love and prayers are with you as well.

In Christ Always, Heiller Allehan

A Good Book can be found . . .

WHERE? In the Gregory Library near the Church Office WHAT? New Books!

HOW? Sign your name and phone number and return within 2 weeks for others to read!

PS: Will the person that last checked Mary Ruth's book out please return it so others can read it, too!

Thanks . . .

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Board of Trustees News...

Submitted by Bill Ellis, TORCH reporter

The Elon College Community Church's Board of Trustees held its first meeting of the calendar year, 1997, on the evening of January 12. The meeting combined organizational business with ongoing attention to Board responsibilities.

Welcomed to the Board were the following new members: Paul Fairfield, Brian Harper, and David Ruth. In addition, Harvey Hook joins Biff Brafford as a Church Building Supervisor.

The Chair then accepted the following for Board responsibilities: Bill Linde - Buildings and Grounds; Phoebe Harrison - Board Secretary; David Ruth - Church Vehicle Maintenance; Eric Allshouse - Church Personnel Committee Representative; Bobbie Scarlatta - Church Council Representative; Bill Ellis - TORCH Correspondent; Phoebe Harrison - Budget/Finance Representative; Jerry Dillashaw, as Board Chair, automatically becomes a representative to the Church Council.

The meeting continued with a discussion concerning the following items of Church upkeep:

- 1. There have been recurring leaks in the church complex. These are being repaired; but gravel and leaves in roof gutters remain a problem. One of the most severe cases of "gutter-clogging" relates to a large pin oak which badly needs trimming. If taken care of, the problem will be greatly relieved. Hopefully, this may be done before springtime.
- 2. Five broken storm windows have been repaired.
- 3. Replacing light bulbs in the Sanctuary has been a nagging problem, but lately some improvement has been made.
- 4. An informal "walk-through" committee, composed of volunteer Board members and AC/Htg. consultant, Ralph Gibson, has been considered, concentrating initially on the new AC/Htg. installations. A major concern in this area is the improper setting of the thermostats in the Parish House by various users of that building. This has resulted in an unnecessarily high cost of running the equipment. Hopefully, thermostat settings will be controlled by proper personnel and/or relocation of these controls.
- 5. Church member, Matthew Woody, a candidate for Eagle Scout in Troop 51, B.S.A., has taken on the construction of picnic tables and also the repair of equipment at the church playground, these activities fulfilling some of the requirements for attaining the highest rank in Scouting. The Trustees applaud the effort by this fine young man.

Opportunities for Service at our Sunday Services Flowers for February

02 Mr. and Mrs. Wes Alexander

09 Mrs. Clara Noah

16 Mrs. "Ree" Watson

23 The Hunter Family

Ushers for February

02 Earl Parker, Mike Mayse, Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley

09 Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Tommy Oakley, Stan Willard

16 Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, Bill Beyer, Richard Orsvath

23 Dick Rinker, George Troxler, Bill Linde, Yancey Tickle

Acolytes for February

02 Derrick Horner and Jessica Horner

09 Jeff Martin and Hope Martin

16 David Brown and Jeff Wilkins

23 Claire Welborn and Zack Welborn

Greeters for February

02 Ralph and Hilda Oxford

09 Jim and Lorene Lyon

16 Earl and Verona Danieley

23 Ralph and Patsy Jourdan

Nursery for February

02 Cary and Jackie Matlock

09 Wes and Jane Alexander

16 Lou Harper and Meg Wilkins

23 Mary Ruth and Estelle Willard

Second Hour Child Care

for February

02 Wally and Nell Snyder

09 Sue Brown and Lydia Troxler

16 Gayland Welborn and Mark Danieley

23 Bill Linde and Katherine Floyd

Church Attendance in

January

Dec. 22 - 163

Dec. 29 - 126

Jan. 05 - 147

Jan. 12 - 142

Jan. 19 - 109

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS....

FEBRUARY CIRCLE MEETINGS

Circle 1 - Will meet Monday, February 3, 10:30 a.m. in Church Library. Hostess: Kathleen Lankford.

Circle 2 - Will meet Monday, February 3, 7:30 p.m. in the home of Lorene Lyon.

Circle 3 - Will meet Tuesday, February 4, 2:30 p.m. in the Church Library. Hostess: Mona Atkinson.

When you discard your old eye glasses please bring them to the church and place in marked box near the office. These are mailed to a medical group who then distribute them to needy persons in their world countries when they conduct their mission trips.

* * * * * * BUILDING FUND REPORT JANUARY, 1997

Memorials to the following people were received September 1, 1996 - December 31, 1996:

Mr. Waric Thompson Dunn, Jr.
Mr. N. R. Franks, Sr.
Mrs. Myrtle Griswold
Mr. Al Hassell
Mr. Eugene Loy
Mrs. Ann Reynolds
Mr. Leonard Rose
Mr. David Vesetal
Mrs. Gladys Vickers

In Honor Of: Mrs. Beth Wilkins



Valentine Day



It's right here in the paper.
Because of the new cable regulations your sports channel has been replaced by a poetry and knitting channel.

Stan Allen CMMI

Search Committee Report

REJECTED FOR SENIOR PASTOR! — Notes from the search committee on those candidates who were not called:

Noah: 120 years preaching experience, no converts.

Moses: stutters, loses his temper over trivial things.

Abraham: fled to Egypt during hard times, got into trouble with authorities and tried to lie his way out.

David: unacceptable moral character, might have been considered for minister of music had he not fallen.

Solomon: wise but fails to practice what he preaches.

Elijah: inconsistent, folds under pressure.

Hosea: family life a mess, divorced and married a prostitute.

Jeremiah: too emotional, alarmist, a pain in the neck.

Amos: rural hick, better off picking

John: says he's a Baptist but lacks tact and dresses like a hippie. Definitely out of place at a church supper.

Peter: bad temper, denied Christ pub-

licly.

Paul: no tact, too harsh, doesn't dress for success, preaches too long.

Timothy: may be a bit too young.

Jesus: tends to offend church members with his preaching, especially Bible scholars. Too controversial, offended search committee with his pointed questions.

Judas: very practical, co-operative, good with money, cares for the poor and dresses well. Just the man we are looking for, and the price is right.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

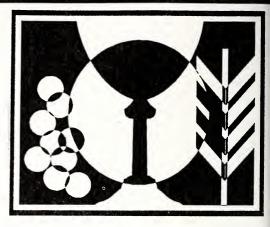


From the Pastor . . .

Moving Toward the Joy

Lenten reflections, prayerfully founded, penitentially shaped and grounded, move us from solitude's wilderness to the new season's sweet freshness.

> Scriptural searching, profoundly wise, dramatically revealing, opening eyes, guides us from the somber darkness to the magnificent, amazing brightness.



Self examinations, exceedingly unnerving, typically honest, clearly disturbing, take us by surprise in warm forgiveness to feel the Savior's grace, in powerful gentleness.

Sunrise observances, beginning a new day, brilliantly hopeful, showing a new way, grasp us and hold us in spiritual loveliness to reveal for us Easter's, awesome sacredness.

Lenten revelations, amazingly freeing, life-changing and spiritually transforming open us to run from dark, worldly sadness to move us, lovingly to Easter's gladness.

Easter proclamation, "Christ is Risen!" loudly announced, shows us truth hidden bursting forth from the grave of emptiness to offer us the gift of divine joy's fullness!

Moving toward the joy! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Easter plessings of joy to you and yours,

Arch Aitcheson, Pastor and Teacher









Holy Week and Easter Opportunities . . .

March 23, 1997 Sunday Morning Worship will focus on the Procession into Jerusalem.

Palms and music will remind us of the impact of the event!

Eleven o'clock on Sunday Morning.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 27, 1997 Evening worship will be held in the Sanctuary this year. We will be visited by our resident Clown for Christ who will present the Last Supper in a way that will open our hearts to new revelations of the life and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. This is for all ages. Mom and Dad, bring the children, and sit up close to the front of the Sanctuary. Neighbors, invite neighbors to this special 1997 presentation! Seven o'clock on Thursday Evening.

GOOD FRIDAY*

March 28, 1997 Evening worship in the sanctuary. The drama of Good Friday will focus on the darkness of the tomb and the promise of new light. This year will feature candlelight worship with a fresh opportunity to revisit the events that lead to Easter.

Seven o'clock on Friday Evening.

EASTER

March 30, 1997 Sunrise Service! Join the community in celebrating the Good News of Easter's Story. 6:45 AM service on Sunday!

Sunday morning worship at Eleven o'clock. Music, music and more music to praise God for the gift of New Life! Sing Easter Alleluias! Hear the story and let it's truth enrich your life.

***PLEASE NOTE:**

Pastor Arch is looking for readers for the Good Friday Service. If you would like to help telephone the church office(584-0391) by March 21 (Friday!) One rehearsal will be held

on Palm Sunday at 5:00 p.m. You will need to be a t rehearsal for this one!

Also needed, a carpenter to build a very special cross! Not difficult, just special! Call Arch if you can help! (584-0391)



FROM BECKY'S DESK

"All by oneself" reflects the Protestant work ethic of "pull yourself up by your own boot straps"; or "when the going gets tough, all you really can depend on is yourself"; or "that person is a self-made man or woman". So we have come to believe those ideas are true. But are they? Perhaps in regard to our professional success/failure rate, the ideas of "all by oneself" is true. In other aspects of our lives, I'm not so sure.

There are of course many things we can do "by ourselves": we can go on vacations; we can have a meal; we can go to any athletic contest or any other kind of event by ourselves; we can live by ourselves; and all kinds of other things. The doing of most of these items are not much fun without another; since the joy in doing and being part of something is in the sharing. But nevertheless, all these things can be done by oneself.

I've been thinking about this idea "all by oneself" in regard to how it relates to the Church. The Church is also known as the "Community of Faith". The very words indicate a group is involved. It is like a basketball team. Teams that work together as a team usually achieve good things. Teams that rely only on one "Star" player, eventually do not achieve in the same ways. So it is with the Church. When the people have the same goals at the heart of their mission and ministry, good things happen. When all the people join together in their work ethic to make those goals and objectives a reality, good things happen. And the joy comes not just from seeing the results of hard work, but there is joy in the sharing. But when each person comes to the community of faith with their own agendas; the church becomes so divided, trying to meet those agendas, good things do not always happen.

Lent is traditionally a time for individual reflection. The road signs "Get Right With God" have traditionally characterized Lent. Even the image of Jesus, alone, in the wilderness, translates to us as a time for individualized reflection and the idea of "all by oneself". This Lent I would like to challenge all of us to reflect as a community on our common goals and objectives for this church and how we as a whole can make those good things happen.

Gentle days to you, Becky

Becky



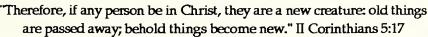




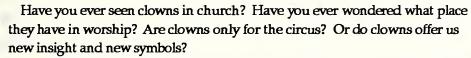


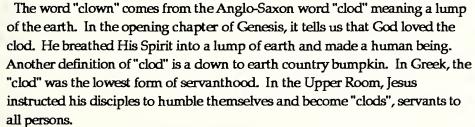












In every culture, the white face symbolizes death. To the Christian clown, the white face symbolizes death to self; the colors mean rebirth. The turned up corners of the smile symbolize Jesus' outstretched arms. What a powerful Easter message!

Jesus commands us to be like children, and what's more childlike than a clown? Like the child, the clown is innocent, full of faith, curious, and ready to try anything. The clown reaches for, and eventually attains, the seemingly impossible. Christian Clowns, unlike circus clowns, do not use magic. Magic creates the allusion of giving power and then taking it away. Christian clowns understand that the most powerful person is the one who can give their power away. Christian clowns, also, deal with transformation. The common and mundane is transformed into something beautiful and special; like the way God has transformed us.

Christian clowns are not performers! Their job is to create an environment in which the person can worship. This is an environment of love, care, concern, and Christ-likeness. The clown incorporates all facets of life in bringing Christ to the people.

"We are fools for Christ's sake." I Corinthians 4:10













































YOUTH BOX....

MARCH

Mar. 2 - Ice Skating at Triangle Sportsplex: We will leave following worship. Bring clothes to change into and a bag lunch. Cost is \$6.00 for those 12 yrs. and under; \$7.00 for those 13 yrs. and above. Permission slips will be needed.

Mar. 9: Parent/Youth Hunt: Let's get everyone involved. All Parents are needed to make this a success. And....parents, bring your youth too.

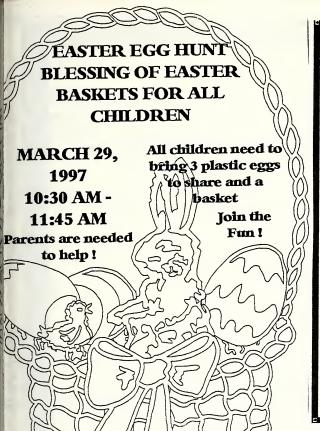
The fun begins at 1:30 pm.

Mar. 16: Let's go Bowling. We will go to Country Club Lanes, Burlington. Meet at the church at 1:30 pm. Cost is \$2.00.

Mar. 23: Adopt-A-Grandparent Day at Twin Lakes. Meet at the church at 1:30 pm.

Mar. 30: No Youth Fellowship; Happy Easter!





BOARD CHAIRS AND CHURCH OFFICERS!

Please join the Pastor for a Saturday Morning Breakfast on March 15, 1997 at 9:30 AM in the Gregory Library!

Telephone Arch by March 14 if you cannot attend! Your presence and help are important!

Dear Church Family,

he first year Webelo den #6 of pack 51, sponsored by Elon Community h, took part in a community service project, called "Scouting for Food"; lecting over 300 cans of food for the needy, during the month of eary. The Cub Scouts that participated were-Ryan Tickle, Trey Stowe, at Danieley, Nathaniel Jordan, and Chris Campbell. The adult leaders id out by collecting and delivering the food to Elon's church pantry & Shepherd Kitchen. The food was donated by the customers at Byrds Store on South Church St. Burlington, on February 8th 1997. Ryan he also collected 72 cans of food from his neighborhood. The leaders that sipated to make this event possible are, Charles Jordan, Yancey Tickle, am very proud of the efforts of this group and the generosity of people of community to feed the people in need!

Submitted by Anna Fichle



WILD FRONTIER BIBLE THEME PARK:

HELP WANTED:

Plans are underway for this year's Vacation Bible School.

It can't be done without your help. Please take time to stop and read the Job Descriptions for the positions needed.

You will find the job descriptions posted in the hallways of the educational building. Sign Up Today!

Midway Rides & Games Attraction Leader
Snack Bar Attraction Leader
Carousel Crafts Attraction Leader
Sing & Play Jamboree Attraction Leader
Jesus: The MAIN Attraction Leader









WILD FRONTIER DECOR!

Help us create our Wild Frontier Bible Theme Park by lending or donating any of the











checkered table cloths
red, white, & blue bunting
bandannas
hav bales



STEP RIGHT UP!

Join us for a week of unforgettable Bible-learning fun at the Wild Frontier

Bible Theme Park!

Theme Park's Location: Elon College Community Church

Operating Season:

June 23 - 27, 1997

Attraction!

Operating Hours: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

For more information, call: 910/584-0391 or 910/584-8147

BUDGET FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

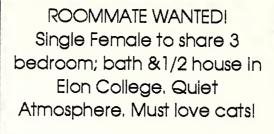
PLEASE ATTEND OUR
NEXT MEETING ON
SUNDAY, MARCH 23,
1997 AT 7:00 PM IN THE
SEEKER'S CLASSROOM.

CALL ARCH BY MARCH 21, 1997 IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND!

IMPORTANT!

ATTENTION: PASTOR
PARISH RELATIONS
COMMITTEE MEMBERS!
Our Next Meeting is to

be held on Sunday
March 23 at 5:00 p.m. in
the Gregory Library!
Your attendance is
important! Call Arch by
3/21 if you cannot
attend! 584-0391>













ROMBOR



ALL BOARD MEMBERS:
CHURCH NIGHT MEETINGS TAKE
PLACE EVERY SECOND SUNDAY
EVENING AT 6:30 PM! PLEASE DO
ALERT BOARD CHAIRS IF YOU
CANNOT ATTEND A MEETING!
CHECK BOARD MAIL BOXES, TOO!



ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

(12/12) 1 MONTHS

CCB General Checking Acct REPORT DATE: 01/31/97

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"Do I believe in extraterrestrial intelligence? Absolutely. It's the terrestrial kind that's increasingly in doubt."

Columnist Don Feder (c)1996 Creators Syndicate

The late Duke of Windsor once remarked: "The thing that impresses one most about Americans is the way the parents obey their children!"

Henry Boye (c)MMI

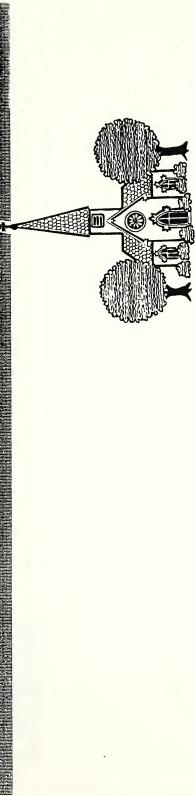
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Writer's Corner . . . Words from the fellowship . . .

Torch Reporter, Bill Ellis, is also a poet. The following poem was inspired by our Pastor's Sermon about the recent Healing the Children Midlantic trip to Kenyatta National Hospital in Nairobi, Kenya. Bill dedicated the poem to the team



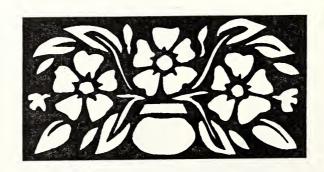
The New Magi

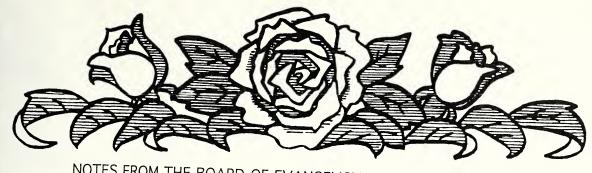
From the West they come, these Magi, kings Of love; on high, on silver wings; Bearing their treasure across the miles, Gifts beyond measure, not gold, but smiles; Not frankincense, but loving hands, Not myrrh, but rather God's commands To spread sweet mercy - that gift so mild, To help the helpless, a suffering child.

Fly on, Magi! Your recompense is near: A father's smile, a mother's happy tear.

William D. Ellis Elon College, North Carolina February 1997

Bill's poem will be forwarded to the HTC Team and to our friends in Kenya. Thanks Bill, for such a moving tribute and reflection!





NOTES FROM THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM FOR THE MARCH ISSUE OF THE TORCH

The Board of Evangelism is responsible for the Bread Ministry of the Church. A fresh loaf of homemade bread is delivered along with a letter from the pastor to prospective members. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE AS ONE OF THE BAKERS, PLEASE NOTIFY MIKE GREGORY OR THE CHURCH OFFICE.

The Gathering Groups will continue to meet through the spring months. New groups will be formed in September and will begin meeting in October. If you wish to participate in one of the Gathering Groups in 1997-98, please notify some member of the Board of Evangelism or the church office.

Members of the church who joined in 1996 will be honored at a luncheon on March 9. The luncheon will be prepared and hosted by the Board of Evangelism.

A CATERED FELLOWSHIP DINNER sponsored by the Board of Evangelism will be held on Tuesday evening, March 18 at 6 p.m. Reservations will be required. The pastor will conduct a Lenter meditation/study. Please use the reservation form in THE TORCH or in the Sunday bulletin.

for the Board of Evangelism......

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YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO CHANGE

Jim Jarvis, 26 years a teacher, chairs the Social Science Department at York High School, Chicago, IL. He and his students have been deeply involved with Church World service for over a decade. An annual highlight is a hunger education conference with teen-led sessions and up to 400 participants.

"In almost every social studies class," Jim says, "I hear the question, 'Why do you teach us about hunger, nuclear war, injustice, poverty and environmental threats, when there is nothing that we can do about them?' In other words, don't dump this load on me--it crushes my spirit, deadens my hope, and makes me feel helpless."

"Teaching that there are solutions, that there are things individuals can do to make the world better, and that we can have a hand in shaping our destiny, has a real impact on young people. I see it brighten students' eyes, lighten their spirits, and provide hope."

"Year after year, I see CWS educational materials and participatory events like CROP WALKS bring that light to young people's eyes and produce citizens who have learned they can contribute to change."

We too, regardless of age, can contribute to change by supporting our local CROP WALK on April 13.

Submitted by Norma Watson

"OPEN WIDE YOUR HEARTS"

Every year Elon Community
Church members, along with the
support of other United Church
of Christ congregations
throughout the country are
asked to open their hearts and
their pocketbooks to give a
gift to One Great Hour of
Sharing. This year the
offering will be received on
Sunday, March 9.

One Great Hour of Sharing provides relief and development, refugee assistance and social services to many people in need in over seventy countries around the world.

Our gifts to OGHS mean that the emergency supplies are already stockpiled, the partner agencies are standing by, and the relief workers are already trained and ready to leave for a disaster site upon a moment's notice. Examples of such emergency services are: shipments of uncontaminated drinking water, high protein food supplements, blankets and clothes for victims of natural disasters like hurricanes and earthquakes, long term aid, like life saving vaccines, medical examinations and training in public health, hygiene and reading lessons. These are just a few examples of how your gift can support the work of missionaries performing a variety of tasks related to health, development and social service ministries.

"Open Wide Your Hearts" is this year's theme of the OGHS Offering. Let us all come to church on Sunday, March 9, with open hearts-and generous gifts.

Leeanne B. Long
Board of Missions

WHAT IS CHURCH WORLD SERVICE? For a half century Church orld Service has embodied the utual commitment of U.S. hurches to life-giving inistries. In flood, drought, ar and famine CWS provides mergency aid, often remaining fter the crisis to accompany ong term development. Since 1946, Church World ervice has provided more than .3 billion pounds of material ssistance in support of elief and development efforts orldwide--some \$870 billion n food, medical supplies, ents, clothing, blankets, ools, seeds, sewing and chool supplies. Most of these unds were the result of 2,000 nnual CROP WALKS across the nited States.

Harold Fey in Cooperation in ompassion: The Story of CWS tates: "From the outset CWS as the servant church in ction. By cooperating, the nurches reached more ountries, worked more ffectively and economically han they could have eparately. Working through nd with churches abroad they trengthened those churches, aved millions of lives, and priched them with hope." on April 13th, we will articipate in an Elon College ROP WALK. 75% of the funds eceived will be given to nurch World Service and 25% Allied Churches of Alamance ounty. Plan to be a part of his program by walking, ponsoring, praying, and/or by plunteering to be part of the Oordinating committee; speak th Carol Heinzerling, Norma Ntson, or the Pastor. It tikes more than Walkers and Sonsors to have a CROP WALK!!

Submitted by Norma Watson

Join the Parade Against

Hunger and

Homelessness!

Join the First Annual

Elon College CROP

WALK!

Walkers and Sponsors

are needed NOW!

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Call 584-0391 for info!

APRIL 13, 1997

NOMINATING
COMMITTEE
MEETING
MONDAY MORNING
MARCH 17
10:00 AM
IN THE SEEKER'S
ROOM

CALL ARCH BY 3/14
IF YOU CANNOT
ATTEND!

You Are Needed!

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

- + Richard Orsvath in the death of his mother, Mrs. Margaret Orsvath in Southington, CT on January 29, 1997.
- + Arch Aitcheson and family in the death of Arch's aunt, Charlotte Aitcheson in Waterbury, CT on January 31, 1997.
- + Mrs. Mary Daniels and family in the death of Mr. Fred Daniels in New Milford, CT on February 21, 1997.
- + Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ruth and family in the death of Bill's father, Mr. James Ruth on February 22, 1997 in Brick, NJ.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO...

© The Elon College Board of Alderman recognized Helen Rippy for her 11 years of service on the Appearance Commission. She received a certificate of Appreciation at the Board's meeting.
© Beth Schmidt was appointed Mayor pro-tempore of Elon College on February 11, 1997.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO...

Jon Michaels, an Elon College student who is involved with Elon College Volunteers Events Team. He supplied our food pantry with 50 cans of food. A special "thank you" to Jon for his efforts.

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The family of Pearl I. Harper wishes to thank everyone for their many expressions of kindness following the loss of Ken's mother. Your thoughtfulness during that time will long be remembered.

Ken, Lou, and Brian Harper

To Our Church Family:
Thank you so much for your kind thoughtfulness during this very special occasion.
The drawing of the church is something we will treasure forever. We look forward to seeing all of you at the wedding. Thank you again!

Love,

Christy and Dave

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Board of Deacon News....Submitted by Gayland Welborn, TORCH Reporter

The Board of Deacons met on February 9 to discuss several important issues.

- ① The Deacons approved the purchase of new music for the Lenten season. We are looking forward to hearing our Choir sing these arrangements.
- ② Ray Harclerode will coordinate a training program for current and prospective ushers on March 9, 1997. If you are currently serving as an usher or would like to do so, please see Ray and make plans to attend this brief training after church on March 9.
- The Stephens Ministry training is set to begin. Beth Schmidt and Beth Wilkins will be important leaders in this training and will be interviewing interested candidates for this important ministry in our church. If you would like to know more about becoming a Stephens Ministry candidate, please call Beth Schmidt.

TORCH NOTES

From the Board of Trustees Bill Ellis, Reporter

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees held in the Seeker's Classroom on February 9, 1997 the following actions were recorded:

- 1. Loose, powdered plaster in the Sanctuary has been brushed.
- 2. There was a discussion of an "Adopt-A-Room" program and the Board voted to implement same, which would possibly supplant "Church Workdays".
- 3. Authorized the formation of a Fund Raising Committee for 1997, as per the wishes of December's Congregational Meeting. Prospective Committee names were submitted and will be contacted to see if they would serve this year.
- 4. A "Walk Through" Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 15, 1997 at 9:30 am with Mr. Ralph Gibson. Ralph will guide Trustees through the AC/Heating System.
- 5. Church Treasurer, Bill Beyer, and Assistant Church Treasurer, Bill Ruth, were authorized to sign for the reception of Church pledges in the form of stock shares.
- 6. Approval was given to the Church Office Manager to charge a \$5.00 deposit for the use of Church keys by outside groups.
- 7. Authorized the pruning of the large pin oak tree next to the Sanctuary. The tree is damaging the roof and the gutters on that side of the building.

submitted 2/11/97



A story from your Global Ministries ...

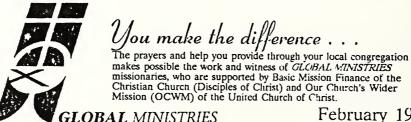
"They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat." -- Isa. 65:22a (NRSV)

ENDANG'S STRUGGLE

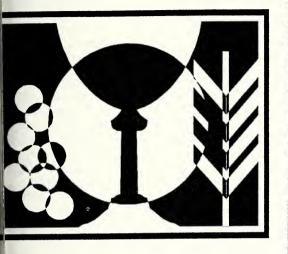
Foreign domestic helpers were encouraged to migrate to Hong Kong to address a labor shortage in the 1980's. Bruce Van Voorhis, who has a communications ministry there, reports there are 150,000 foreign domestics working in Hong Kong. He tells the story of Endang, a domestic worker from Indonesia who opted for employment in Hong Kong to try to overcome poverty and gain a better quality of life.

Her government manpower office in Indonesia referred her to a recruitment agency, where she was given "training" tirst by being a housemaid and then peeling nuts for 11 months. When she got to Hong Kong, her passport and employment contract were confiscated and she worked in six different households. She likened her experience to that of "a slave without any rights." She didn't have a permanent employer, was given no salary and no days off. When Endang asked for her pay she was told it had been sent to her recruitment agency. She reported her problem to the consulate but was told that it was better to sacrifice one person than scare off other Indonesians from coming to Hong Kong.

She courageously filed a complaint anyway, and finally received her pay after seven months. Endang stresses that migrant workers are "not commodities to be bought and sold. We are human beings and must be treated with respect and dignity."



February 1997



Holy Week Events
3/23 11am Palm
Sunday Worship
3/27 7pm Maundy
Thursday Worship
3/28 7pm Good Friday
Worship
3/29 10:30am Easter
Egg Hunt for Children
3/30 6:45am Sunrise
Service at Elon Homes
3/30 11am Easter
Worship

PLEASE NOTE....

For Safety reasons to the Staff, the door on the lower level of the Education Building (facing the bank) will be locked, except on Thursday morning and on Sundays.

Thank you for your cooperation.



If our greatest need had been information,, God would have sent us an educator.

If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist.

If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist.

If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer.

But our greatest need was forgiveness, So God sent us a Savior.

"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." John 15:13



pportunities for Service our Sunday Services lowers for March

Mrs. Gladys Hughes
Mr. and Mrs. Cary Matlock
Mrs. Beth Schmidt
Mr. Robert Kittenger
Mrs. Jane Miller

shers for March

Earl Parker, Mike Mayse, Dee Atkinson,
Mark Danieley
Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin
Woody, Tommy Oakley, Stan Willard
Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, Bill Beyer,
Richard Orsvath
Dick Rinker, George Troxler,
Bill Linde
Bill Ruth, Walter Boyd, Jim Lyon, Jeff Wilkins

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Jesse Chatfield and Robbie Tickle Rebecca Perry and Susan Heinzerling Miranda Rich and Nicole Williamson Christine Fogleman and Robert Danieley Derrick Horner and Jessica Horner

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Eric and Melodie Allshouse
Olga and Nora Griswold
Howard and Page Edgerton
Mike and Robin Gregory
Beth Wilkins and Wilma Williamson

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Maxine Rich and Jeff Wilkins, III
Beth Schmidt and Hilda Oxford
Olga Griswold and Cile Welborn
Eric and Melodie Allshouse
Marie Acquilano

econd Hour Child Care r March

Jean and Bill Motley
Patsy Oliver and Marie Wilkins
Eddie Oliver and Jeff Wilkins
Mike and Janet Mayse
Kim and Steve Perry

Church Attendance in February

Jan. 26 - 134 Feb. 02 - 191 Feb. 09 - 145 Feb. 16 - 137 Feb. 23 - 186

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS.... MARCH CIRCLE MEETINGS GENERAL MEETING March 10, 1997 - 7:00 p.m.

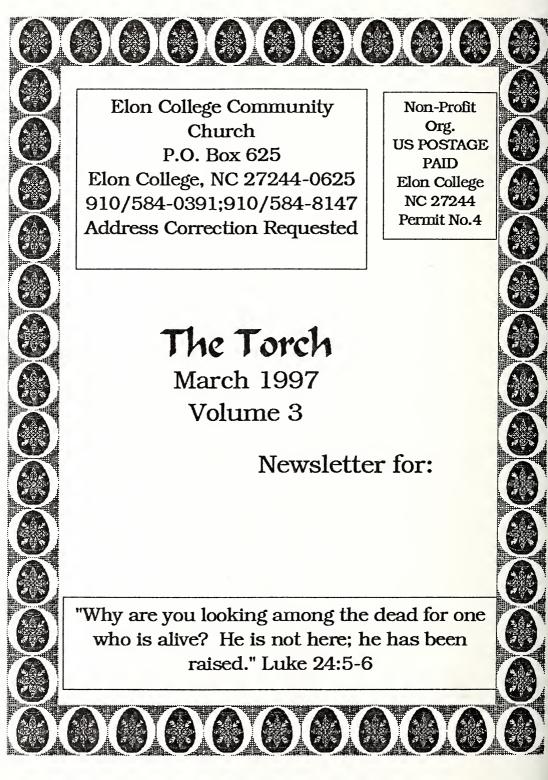
The Women's Fellowship would like to invite all interested church members and friends to attend a Mission program concerning the plight of the Christian church in Hong Kong and China. Rev Sterling Whitener and his wife, Barbara, former missionaries to China, will be the presenters. They have recently re-visited China and will be able to contrast the past and present developments of our mission efforts in that country.

The meeting will be held on Monday, March 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish House. Coffee will be served and a light lunch following the program. A brief meeting of the three circles will conclude the event.

Katherine Floyd



Begins March 21st



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The Torch

Permit No.4

Newsletter for:

April 1997 Vo. 4

As we reach through raindrops Touch us with Spring Fever April blossoms refreshing

For signs of Life Forever!

As Christ guarantees tomorrow! Joy creeps through sorrow

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Pastor's Reflection . . .

"Not Magic . . . Miracles!"

With Easter still fresh in our minds and with the sadness of the losses some of us have experienced in the past several months there is time for reflection and faith exploration.



Throughout my father-in-laws illness he was determined to live at home and to maintain a sense of independence and dignity. He was a loner. Sitting in his green wing-back chair and reading Calvin's <u>Institutes</u> along with his Bible and a good mystery novel was his choice of spending a good day. He played a piano at the nearby nursing and rehabilitation center for worship and for fun events. Otherwise he would be at home.

His cancer was debilitating. His condition was fragile. His children worried about his safety. Many prayers were said during those last months. Like magic, people began to appear for him: the woman who drove him to treatments and appointments, the Nursing Home staff who picked him up for his piano gigs, the grocery lady who brought her children and shopped for him, a neighbor who "checked-in" with him each day, visiting nurses, home health aids and Hospice care-givers . . . there were so many of them!

Did I say it was like "magic"? Forgive me.

It was a miracle! God answered our prayers sending countless "angels unawares" to minister to a man who chose to "live alone". They were bright, healing lights. They made him laugh. They encouraged him to play and sing. They brought him new mysteries and yummy food soft enough to swallow. They brought him in his discouragement, unconditional love. Yes, it was a miracle!

And while death took that eighty-nine year old gentleman from us, the miracle of answered prayer told us that God's love would offer him Easter, too! That is our assurance and our hope.

Not magic, but a miracle!





From Becky's Desk....

House buying can be a stressful situation. For me during the last few months, I have been absorbed with it. I have enjoyed living in my rented home on S. Williamson Ave. for the past year and a half. But the IRS has this requirement that if you sell a house, you have to reinvest the monies in another in a short period of time. Such is my case.

As I have experienced this process, I have been blessed with angels - some I was unaware were even present to me. These people, all of you, have been important to me. For some reason, I found the process to be more stressful and agonizing this time around than the first time. So....this article is for all of you to say a big "THANK YOU"!

To those of you who prayed I would locate the right house;

For those of you who helped with the searching; recommending and looking;

For those of you who held my hand, wiped away my tears with your loving kindness; For those who celebrated with me; helping me to stop feeling like I had made the

biggest mistake of my life;

For those who showed interest at the news; who commented on the house as you drove by;

For the white roses;

For those of you who fed me; who provided weights for old windows; For those who provided the labor to help make my house, my home; For those who helped to pack and move; and warmed it just by being present to me -- I say "God Bless You".

I am indeed blessed for having come to Elon College Community Church.

Becky

PS. My Mailing address and phone # will remain the same.





STEP RIGHT UP!

Join us for a week of unforgettable
Bible-learning fun at the Wild Frontier
Bible Theme Park!

Theme Park's Location:
Elon College Community Church

Operating Season:

June 23 - 27, 1997

Where CSUS IS The Main Attraction!

The Main Attraction!

6:30 - 8:30 pm

For more information, call: 910/584-0391 or 910/584-8147



Fund Raising . . .

The Church Council, ollowing the Congregational vote 1 December, instructed the loard of Trustees to form a lund Raising Committee to look to ways to raise money to applement our Church budget. Our adopted budget for 1997 was pproximately \$22,000 short of that is needed to operate at the evel of programming each of us rould like to see for this church.

Linda Raker will serve as hair of the new Fund Raising committee with the help of Ann cickers, Doris Brafford, Sara codson, Brian Harper, Ken enson, and Ralph Jourdan. All consented to the Trustee's call or service!

An organizational meeting as held on the evening of March 25, 1997.

The Fund Raising committee solicits your ideas for ossible projects or events. Call ny member of the committee!

Our Food Pantry Needs Your Help

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

Cereals

Rice

Pasta and Sauce

Powdered Milk

Tuna

Canned Meats

Some items are overstocked and are not needed at this time:

Canned Beans

Canned Vegatables

Baby Food

In addition we are looking for cash donations to enable us to furnish Food Vouchers in small amounts so that perishables like milk, bread, eggs, etc. can be given to deserving persons.

Your contributions of food or cash may be left at the counter outside the church office! Thanks for keeping the Pantry stocked and available to the Community!

submitted by Roberta Starr Mission Board Hunger Quiz . . .

Take a few moments and see how many of these questions you can answer correctly!

1. ____% of rural people in developing nations who do not have safe drinking water.

A.25% B.65% C.95% D.85%

2. Insects destroy about ____% of the world's crops.

A.17% B.25% C.33% D50%

3. About 76% of the protein produced in the USA is fed to:

A.Elderly B.Children C.Livestock D.The Needy

4. Most of the World's hungry spend their lives:

A. Working in factories B. Looking for work

C.Growing food D.Having Children

5. People in developing nations pay up to _____% of their wages for subsistence diets.

A.50% B.75% C.85% D.95%

(Look for answers in this newsletter!)

SUPPORT THE CROP WALK ON APRIL 13!

submitted by Norma Watson Mission Board

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

- → Mrs. Diane Gill and family in the of Diane's mother, Mrs. Harriet Bate of Delavan, Wis. on February 24, 199
- ♣ Arch and Liz Aitcheson and family the death of Liz's father, Mr. Charles Woolsey in Madison, NJ on February 1997.
- + Earl and Elizabeth Parker and fam the death of Earl's brother, Mr. Haro Parker on February 28, 1997.
- ♣ Mrs. Florance Smith and family in death of Florance's brother, Mr. John Hughes on February 28, 1997 in Burlington, NC.
- ♣ Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ruth and family the death of Bill's mother, Mrs. Dorot Ruth on March 14, 1997 in Brick, NJ.

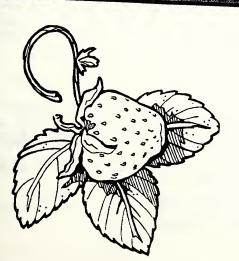
Announcing
Helen Rippy's Art
Exhibit
of her travels to
the Holy Land
April 6th-30th
Burlington Artist
League Gallery
BMOC Row 5
Reception
April 6th 2:00- 4:00

WILD FRONTIER BIBLE THEME PARK HELP WANTED:

Plans are underway for this year's Vacation
Bible School. It can't be done without your help.
Please take time to stop and read the Job
Descriptions for the positions needed. You will
find the job descriptions posted in the hallways
of the educational building. Sign Up Today!

Midway Rides & Games Attraction Leader
Snack Bar Attraction Leader
Carousel Crafts Attraction Leader
Sing & Play Jamboree Attraction Leader
Jesus: The MAIN Attraction Leader





"So long as freedom, that is, freedom with responsibility, is grounded in morality and religion, it will last far longer than the kind that is grounded only in abstract, philosophical notions. Of course, many foes of morality and religion have attempted to argue that new scientific discoveries make belief in God obsolete, but what they actually demonstrate is the remarkable and unique nature of man and the universe. It is hard not to believe that these gifts were given by a Divine Creator, who alone can unlock the secrets of existence."

> Lady Margaret Thatcher former Prime Minister of Great Britain in IMPRIMIS, March 1995 vol 24 No 3

WANTED:

WILD FRONTIER DECOR!

Help us create our Wild Frontier Bible Theme
Park by lending or donating any of the
following items:





cardboard boxes
assorted colors of balloons
crope paper streamers
striped awning



aluminum foil jingle bells (small) drinking straws plastic coffee stirrers





checkered table cloths red, white, & blue bunting bandannas hay bales

rope



YOUTH BOX APRIL

Apr. 6 - Youth Fellowship will not meet. Hope everyone has a great spring break.

Apr. 13 - Join us in the CROP Walk Get your sponsor forms early. Registration begins at 2:30 pm. The walk begins at 3:00 pm. Be a part of Elon's first Walk.

Apr. 20 - Putt-Putt Golf and Games Meet at 1:30. Cost is \$3.00.

Apr. 27 - Adopt-a-Grandparent Day Time for our monthly visit to Twin Lakes. Meet at 1:30 pm.

CARWASH

Everyone's help will be needed to help with the carwash on April 26, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Bring \$\$ for Lunch. If you haven't gotten tickets to sell, see Becky. Remember...your participation discounts your cost to Busch

Gardens.

A Pink Flamingo may be coming to your house! On April 19, the youth fellowship will conduct its first annual Pink Flamingo Fundraiser. Need youth to help with the placement of Flamingos.

Watch your mailbox for more info.

Youth
Dinner &
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17, 1997 6:30
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Board Of Christian Education April Issue of <u>The Torch</u>

The participants of the Third Grade Bible mentioning group will be honored at an Ice Cream Social after church on April 20th. The event is hosted by the Board of Christian Education and all student, mentors and their families involved are invited to come enjoy great Ice Cream Sundays.

The Youth Group will be sponsoring a spectacular Dinner Variety Show on Saturday night May 17th. The youth will be serving dinner at 6:30 with the variety show to kick off at 7:30. Seating for this event will be by reservation only. More details to follow.

Wanted: Budding performers for our spectacular talent show. So dust off the dancing shoes, round up your band, find that music you knew so well, and work on your comedy routine. This will be a great fun for one and all. We already have a mystery comedian waiting in the wings to bring the house down. Anyone interested in participating in the variety show should call Robin Gregory (584-3088) or Becky Peeler (584-0391).

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The Board of Christian Education will be hosting an appreciation breakfast at 8:30 on June 21st to honor the Elon College Community Church Sunday School Teachers. Invitations to follow so be sure to mark this date on your calendar.

Thought for the Month: Life is a journey, not a guided tour. Participation required!

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4:00 PM R.Catholic

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Fellowship

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River Valley Board

Nothing to Do? Join

DCE's Day Off

7:30 AM Breakfast Bible

Study

12:00 PM Clergy Support 4:00 PM R.Catholic Group

7:00 PM Cub Scouts

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

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Stephen Ministry Retreat

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Stephen Ministry Retreat

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2:30 PM Circle III Rehearsal

7:00 PM Stephen Ministry

6:00 PM Chancel Ringers I 6:30 PM R.Catholic Mass

7:00 PM Chancel Ringers II 7:30 PM Circle II

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7:00 PM Cub Scouts

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9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

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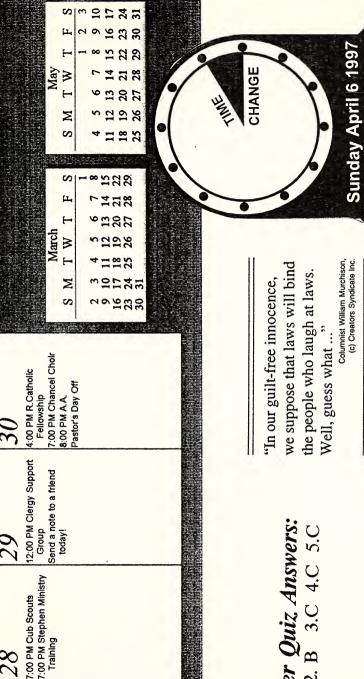
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:30 PM Youth Meeting

1:30 PM New Adult S.

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7:00 PM Cub Scouts

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9:45 AM Sunday School

12:15 PM Bible Mentor

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1:00 AM Worship

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Fellowship 8:00 PM A.A.

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::00 PM Laymen's Fellow-3:45 PM Terrific Thursday

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We love our Volunteers!

Car Wash Van -Youth

Hunger Quiz Answers: 1. D 2. B 3.C 4.C 5.C

SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

(12/12) 2 MONTHS

CCB General Checking Acct REPORT DATE: 02/28/97

	CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR)	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE	OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR	ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR)
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TORCH NOTES

From the Board of Trustees Bill Ellis, Reporter

The Elon College Community Church Board of Trustees dealt with a variety of items at its March 9th meeting. They were as follows:

- 1. At the time of the meeting the pruning of the large "problem" pin oak tree had been scheduled.
- 2. There are two smaller trees of the same variety which will need attention as well, sometime in the future; and it is good to know that there will be \$75.00 left in the authorization for the large pin oak tree pruning job. This amount will be held in reserve for work on the smaller tree pruning, when it becomes necessary.
- 3. The iron work at the front steps of the church is in great need of re-painting. This is a tiring and time-consuming job; but a number of Trustees, under the direction of Bill Linde, will take on this project when the days become longer, and the work can be done in the evening hours.
- 4. The pile of discarded bricks remains a problem, and the Board continues to search for a solution. (Any "great ideas" are welcome.) It would seem that the disposal of this material would be a somewhat simple affair, but not so.
- 5. The Adopt-A-Room program seems to be a good idea, but the details remain to be worked out.
- 6. The Board feels strongly that more "Handicap Parking" is needed; in particular, near the main entrance to the church.
- 7. As its last order of business, the Board authorized the awarding of the first scholarship grant in the amount of \$1,000.00, from the AC/Etc. Fund, to Heather Dillashaw, who is pursuing her studies at Vanderbilt University's Divinity School.
- 8. The Board meeting ended as it had begun, with a prayer for guidance.

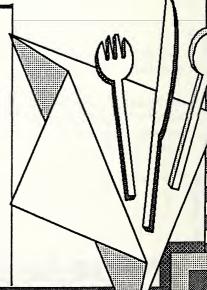
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Join us for an elegant evening of dining pleasure and entertainment. The Youth Fellowship is sponsoring a Dinner Variety Show on May 17, 1997 at 6:30 pm. Reservations are needed.

And...You are invited to participate as the Talent for our show. So dust off the piano keys, brush up on the poetry recitations, work on that stand up comedy act, and Join US!



The Women's Resource Center in Alamance County

Burlington Executive Plaza 236 N. Mebane Street Suite 128 Burlington, NC 27217



Telephone 910-227-6900

Facsimile 910-227-6900

(call first)

The Rev. Archie Aitcheson P. O. Box 625 Elon College, NC 27244-0625

Dear Rev. Aitcheson:

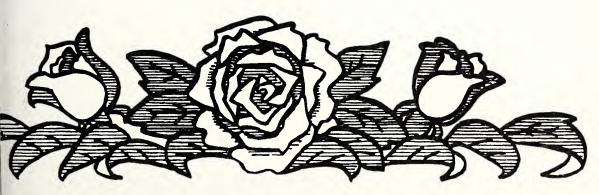
I want to thank you on behalf of The Women's Resource Center in Alamance County for allowing the center and the North Carolina Writer's Network to use your library on February 8. Fifteen women from across the state attended the "Turning Life into Narrative" workshop that afternoon. They appreciated the convenience and comfortable space that your church provided.

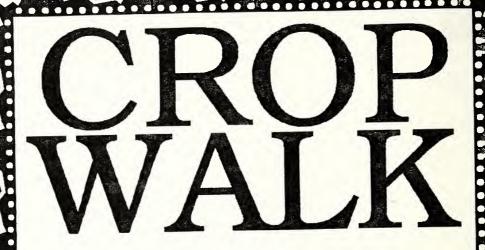
Because you were willing to share your facility, women from Durham, Greenville, Goldsboro, and as far away as Scranton, near Nag's Head, had the opportunity to gather and share their attempts at turning their life experiences into literature. I want to thank Diane and you personally, Arch, for your cooperation with The Women's Resource Center.

Sincerely,

Betsy Russell

WRC Board Member





APRIL 13, 1997
ELON COLLEGE WALK
GET FORMS FROM NORMA
WATSON OR THE CHURCH
OFFICE!
SPONSOR FOLK IF YOU
CANNOT WALK!
HELP AT THE WATER/BREAK
STOPS, TOO!
SUPPORT THIS WORTHWHILE
CAUSE!



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Ce Grande Chateau

An evening of dining and entertainment May 17, 1997

Bring the entire family or groups of friends

SEATING BY RESERVATION ONLY 6:30 pm

CALL: 584-0391 by May 5

COST: \$10.00 Adults

\$ 5.00 Children

Maximum \$25.00 per household

This event is sponsored by our Youth and the proceeds will help defray cost for Summer trip.

Name:	_
No	
Child care Needed: Yes:No:	

Thank You . . .

March 18, 1997

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Words cannot express our thankfulness for each "angel" from the fellowship of our church who has touched our lives in this time of grief.

The meals brought, the many cards and telephone calls, the prayers, the flowers, the contributions to the AC/ETC fund and the Choir Robe Fund, and the kindnesses that made our lives easier . . . all have been blessings and signs of your love.

The death of Charles Woolsey was eased by the great tide of love you offered him and us through the months of illness and the hours of grief.

We treasure the gift of God in each of you!

Love and thanksgiving, The Aitcheson Family Arch, Liz, Joy, Scot & Marion

WE GET MAIL....

Hello to Arch and all my friends at Elon College Community Church:

I miss you all so much! Your hugs on Sundays and messages you bring to us are missed! Elon Community Church is still my home church and I would like to remain an Associate Member. I hope to get up there soon for a visit.

The people here are wonderful. I live on a street which are mostly widows and we kind of look after each other.

Tell everyone hello and I do love all of you in Christ.

God Bless all of You!

Sibyl White



Mort (c)MMI

Note: Sibyl's address is: 408 Parkwood Street Stanley, NC 28164







OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

at Our Sunday Services

FLOWERS FOR APRIL

- 06 Mr. and Mrs. James Griswold
- 13 Mr. and Mrs.Mike Mayse
- 20 Mr. and Mrs. William Gabriel
- 27 Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oxford

USHERS FOR APRIL

- 06 Earl Parker, Mike Mayse, Dee Atkinson, Mark Danielev
- 13 Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Tommy Oakley, Stan Willard
- 20 Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, Bill Beyer, Richard Orsvath
- 27 Dick Rinker, George Troxler, Bill Linde

ACOLYTES FOR APRIL

- 06 Jeff Martin and Hope Martin
- 13 David Brown and Jeff Wilkins
- 20 Jessica Horner and Megan Brown
- 27 Jesse Chatfield

GREETERS FOR APRIL

- 06 Biff and Doris Brafford
- 13 Norma Watson and Laura Chatfield
- 20 Jeff and Marie Wilkins and Family
- 27 Mary and Bill Ruth

NURSERY FOR APRIL

- 06 Heidi Danieley and Brad Linde
- 13 Verona and Earl Danieley
- 20 Elizabeth Mayse and Pearl McLelland
- 27 Ralph and Hilda Oxford

SECOND HOUR CHILD CARE FOR APRIL

- 06 Laura Chatfield and Suzanne Shipley
- 13 Jimma and Chris Causey
- 20 Meg Wilkins
- 27 Beth Wilkins and Matt Mayse

CHURCH ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH

Mar. 02, 1997 - 156

Mar. 09, 1997 - 146

Mar. 16, 1997 - 140



COMING... APR. 26 CAR WASH

SPONSORED BY THE
YOUTH OF THE
CHURCH
10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM
in the Parish House
Parking Lot

Elon College Community Church
P.O. Box 625
Elon College NC 27244-0625
Tel: (910)584-0391/584-8147
Fax: (910)584-0391/449-5329
Address Correction Requested!

The Torch

May 1997 Vol.5

Remembering in love
Those who love us from birth
And those who serve us as a
nation is May's call to us all!
Honor those who make your
life meaningful this month!

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Newsletter for:



Celebrating Our Mission . . . Beverly Beyer Off to Bulgaria with the Peace Corps!

On June 10, 1997, **Beverly Beyer**, will journey to Bulgaria for a two year term with the United States Peace Corps. She takes seriously the mission statement of our church to **Live Christ** in Today's World.

The tour of duty comes after several years of planning. Beverly was inspired at a Career Fair display for the Peace Corps at The College of William and Mary. Her dream beyond college and through graduate school as she earned her Masters Degree.

Her expertise is in the training of English teachers. Few opportunities seemed to match her up with a Peace Corps assignment. One Peace Corps recruiter tried to discourage Beverly, but she still felt drawn to the program and its mission.

She applied for and was accepted in the AmeriCorps Program working for a year helping with community organization and orientation. She learned a great deal assisting in flood relief programs and flood victims in various parts of the country. Her supervisor and team leader had been a Peace Corps volunteer and encouraged Beverly's application to the program.

In the Fall of 1995 Beverly made an official application for the program and traveled to Washington, D.C. for interviews and physical examinations. There was a long wait for an assignment. She would be a trainer of English Teachers in another country.

Peace Corps . . . Continued

Finally in December of 1996 she received a special Christmas gift. She was informed that she would go to Bulgaria. There Beverly would be offered a two to three month orientation to the country, culture and language. After she would be invited to teach High School English for one semester. The balance of her tour of duty would be to train English teachers.

Beverly has accepted the assignment and is busy getting ready for this adventure in service. Bulgaria is one of the emerging nations of the old Soviet Block. The country faces serious inflation and many new challenges in the transition period. She will be one of the many U.S. volunteers who will hopefully make the transition a bit brighter.

Beverly feels a calling to this mission. She clearly reflects an understanding of Christian witness in our everyday world. When asked what she will do after her assignment in Bulgaria she said that as she has done in the past she will let her intuition guide her.

On Sunday, June 1, 1997 at morning worship we will hold a special Service of Commissioning and a reception afterwards as Beverly Beyer prepares to leave for the Peace Corps. I challenge every adult, youth and child to come to this service! Come add your blessing to this faithful young woman. Let's celebrate her mission in Christ by our support and our ministry.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Arch

STEP RIGHT U

Join us for a foot-stompin' good time at the Wild Frontier Bible Theme Park!

Theme Park's Location:

JS S June 23 - 27 Elon College Community Church

June 23 - 27, 1997

Operating Hours:

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Drop the following registration form in the offering plate mail to the church office by May 26,1997	at worship or
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Address:	HIM
Phone No.:	日
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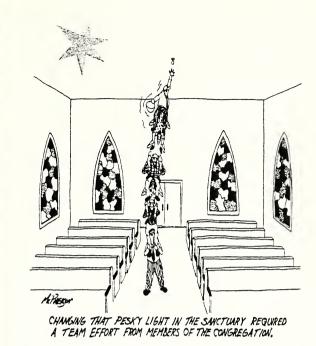
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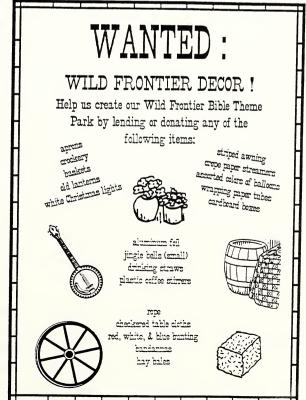
Plans are underway for this year's Vacation Bible School. It can't be done without your help. Please take time to stop and read the Job Descriptions for the positions needed. You will

find the job descriptions posted in the hallways of the educational building. Sign Up Today!









ELON COLLEGE SERVICE FAIRE MAY 31TH 1997 PARISH HOUSE HELPING YOU MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE SERVICE FAIRE

Here are a few guidelines in helping you to make your contribution and brief summary on the contribution sheet:

- Give important facts, such as dates and times if you will be giving a tea, dinner party or supply tickets to an event. Also include how many people might be involved. If the date has not been determined, just say, "Date to be Determined."
- -For hand-crafted items, give colors, size, and whether suitable for a child, woman or man. Indicate if the donor or buyer will supply the materials. If the item is a pillow, quilt, afghan or wall hanging give the dimensions.
- For food items, give specifics. For example, "a 9 inch pumpkin pie" or "a 10inch pineapple cheesecake." If donating batches of cookies, or similar items, indicate the number. For example, "3 dozen chocolate chip cookies" or "2 dozen Halloween cupcakes". If the items will be in a special container, also elaborate . . . "a Christmas tin containing 3 dozen assorted holiday cookies."
- -For all items or services donated, the committee tries to give a fair minimum bid. However, there is no way to judge which étems will exceed the minimum bid or which will go beyond the minimum. All donations are greatley appreciated and will help the 1997 Service Faire in its goal to provide extra funds for the total ministry of our church.

-If restrictions apply to your item or service, please <u>do</u> indicate. For example if you are offering to paint a room, state the maximum size you are willing to do, and also state who will provide the supplies (ie. you or the buyer . . .). For food items, you may choose not to make them available during specific times of the year (Such as Christmas week or New Year's Eve). For rides to the airport, indicate any restrictions of the time of day, day of the week an/or airport (Greensboro, Raleigh . . .)

-Above all remember that the Service Faire is designed to promote fellowship! Some dear friendships have developed through various activities related to running the Faire and through events bought and sold in the auction. We truly hope a good time will be had by all!

Questions? Just ask Linda Raker or call 584-0391.

The First Annual

SERVICE FAIRE

MAY 31, 1997

SIGN-UP FORM

We meed YOU!
We meed YOUR SERVICE!

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YOUTH BOX MAY

May 4 - Youth Fellowship will meet at 1:30 pm to plan and work on Dinner & Variety Show. Need everyone's participation.

May 11 - Youth Fellowship will not meet. Happy Mother's Day!

May 18 - Come to Youth Fellowship at 1:30 pm to find out if you were successful.

May 25 - Adopt-a-Grandparent Day

It's time for our monthly visit to Twin Lakes. Meet
at 1:30 pm. You are expected!

IT IS NECESSARY....

For everyone to participate in the Dinner & Variety Show on MAY 17 AT 6:30 PM.

Your help will be needed to set up, begin cooking, decorate, etc. on Saturday morning at 9:30 AM. If additional times are needed, you will be notified.

Remember.....

these things don't just happen!



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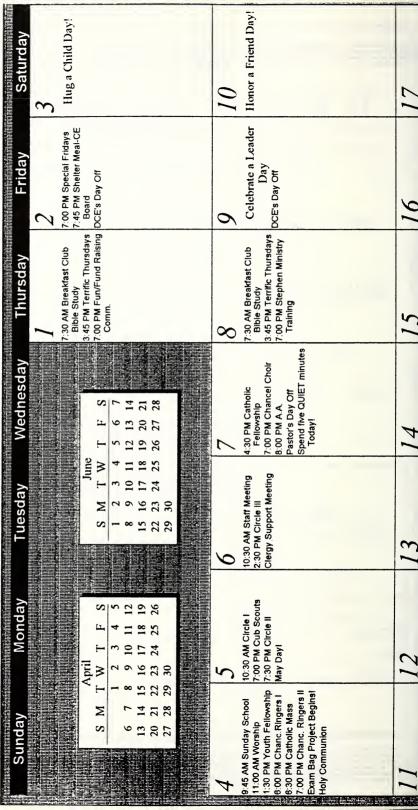
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Name:	
No	
Child care Needed: Yes:	No:

May 1997 Monthly Planner



6:30 PM Youth: Dinner/

DCE's Day Off

7:30 AM Breakfast Club

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

10:30 AM Staff Meeting

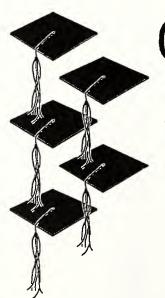
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AC/ETC. FUND STATUS

	1996
Income	\$38,838.56
Expenditures	(\$74,971.05)
Balance as of 12/31/96	(\$36,132.49)
	1997
Income	\$4,344.34
Expenditures	(\$1,000.00)
Balance as of 3/31/97	(\$32,788.15)

The new Air Conditioning System was paid for during 1996. The Heather Dilla Scholarship for 1997 was paid 3/11/97.



GRADUATIONS!

Graduations from High Schools, Colleges, and Graduate Schools are fast approaching. The Church Community would like to recognize your sons, daughters, etc. for their accomplishments.

Please call the church office with all the information!



CONGRATULATIONS!

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

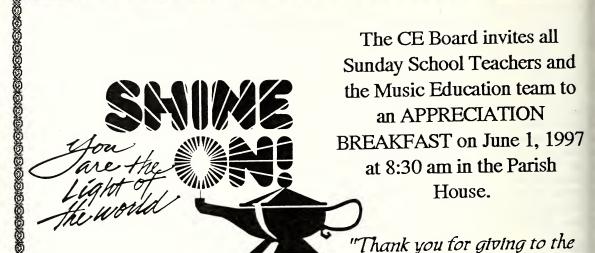
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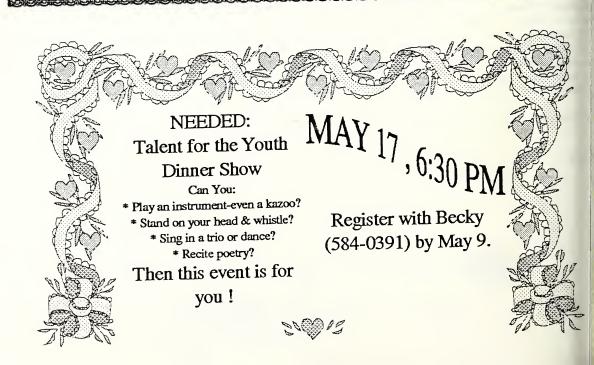
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L OFFICE INCOME	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
L SALES TAX REFUND	.00	892.11	275.01	617.10+	1,100.00	367.34
L VBS TUITION & FEES	.00	.00	12.51	12.51	50.00	.00
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L SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	1,029.05	1,253.46	.00	1,253.46+	.00	1,697.99
L Interest	13.78	274.11	125.01	149.10+	500.00	339.47
L Misc. Income Accts	166.50	1,290.50	.00	1,290.50+	.00	1,094.81
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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH 1997

MEAL PREPARATION FOR ALLIED CHURCHES EMERGENCY NIGHT SHELTER

**	January 3	Board of Missions	<u>Contacts</u>
**	February 7	Individual Volunteers	Lee Long
**	March 7	Youth Group	Becky Peeler
**	April 4	Board of Evangelism	Shirley Beyer
*	May 2	Christian Education Committee	Melodie Allshouse
*	June 6	Circle 1	Hilda Oxford
*	July 4	Circle 2	Beth Wilkins
*	August 1	Music Committee	Liz Aitcheson
*	September 5	Layman's Fellowship	Gayland Welborn
*	October 3	Board of Deacons	Marie Wilkins
**	November 7	Seekers Sunday School Class	Louis Wilkins
**	December 5	Board of Trustees	Jerry Dillashaw

^{**} supper served at 7:30 p.m.

We greatly appreciate your committee providing the meal on the 1st Friday night of the month suggested.

A big "thanks"

Shelter Phone: 222-0749

You may call to get estimated number of guests.

Board of Missions Mary Ruth 584-4619 Dave Turnage 584-3298

^{*} supper served at 8:30 p.m.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

+ Howard and Page Edgerton in the death of Page's sister, Ruth Sylvester Cunningham of Black Mountain, NC on February 24, 1997.

+ Dr. and Mrs. Fred Young in the death of Fred's mother, Mrs. James R. Young (Nina Briggs Young) of Burnsville, NC on April 16, 1997.

♣ Joe and Bobbie Scarlatta in the death of Joe's mother, Mary Anna Scarlatta in Burlington on April 21, 1997.

+ Helmut and Linda Vogg in the death of Helmut's aunt, Helene Spoida in Germany on April 25, 1997.



Just a short note to thank you for having me on your prayer list. I am doing well and hope to make a full recovery.

Thanks again,
Ernie McLelland
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March 23, 1997
Dear Friends at Elon College Community
Church:

Thank you so much for the Scholarship check. It is very much appreciated and needed. Your support continually keeps me going. Not a day goes by that I do not feel your prayers and love. As we enter Holy Week, I miss Elon College Community Church even more than usual and pray for a memorable and learning-filled time.

All is well for me, school certainly keeps me busy! I look forward to coming to Elon for a few days in May.

Much love, Heather Dillashaw Several years ago, Mary gave a sermon at our Connecticut Church entitled "Friends are Friends, but Church Friends are Special". That title expresses how we both feel about the friends in this church. The wonderful support that we have received during a very difficult time in our lives has been truly appreciated. Our sadness has been tempered by the wonderful wedding of David and Christy. Sometimes the wisdom of parents is not appreciated until much later in life. To my parents, marriage was very sacred and to be taken seriously. Their 61 + years together will live as a memorial to their memory not only for their children but also their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We don't always understand GOD's plan, but our faith allows us to trust HIM and know that HE only works for our good. Again, thank you for all that you have done.

Bill and Mary Ruth

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

© Michael and Luci Spivey of Kimesville Road, Liberty, NC announce the adoption of a daughter, Hannah Marina Spivey on Wednesday, March 5, 1997 at Khabarovsk, Russia. Hanna Marina was born July 14, 1996. Dee and Mona Atkinson are grandparents.

© The following Western Alamance High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society on March 26, 1997:

Nathan Gill John Heinzerling Sarah Hemphill Tara McKenna Matt Woody CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Rebecca Perry! Her "Odyssey of the Mind" team from Elon College Elementary School placed second in their division at the regional championship and won first place at the state finals. They will compete in the World Championship in Baltimore, MD in June.

If anyone is interested in making a donation to help defray the team's expenses, please contact Kim Perry.

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES...
The Board of Trustees (ECCC)
meeting of April 13, 1997,
dealt with a rather large
number of problems to be
considered, as well as
decisions made, relevant to
the physical phase of our
church home. They are as
follows:

① The Long-awaited paving of the church's graveled parking area has been done, and striping of the same area has been added. Perhaps it is not stating too much to say that it is a beautiful job. In addition, the parking areas now contain 12 Handicap Parking Spaces. (Note: The striping company donated \$250.00 worth of work on our older parking lots.) 2 Surprise! Surprise! - the nagging problem of the pile of discarded bricks has been solved by ECCC Trustee Paul Fairfield. Read on....Paul has volunteered to head up a group at Twin Lakes Center who are establishing summer gardens these gardens to be connected by walkways. And as for the latter, guess where there is a a supply of needed bricks?.... Thank you, Paul.

(Something about "mysterious ways"?)

③ Good news! The refrigerators in the Parish House have been repaired!

Termite infestation has been discovered in the Parish House, and a pest-control company has taken care of the problem. Annual service is under consideration.

⑤ New large-size trash receptacles will be purchased to replace the old undersized ones.

 Wall cracks and flaking persists in the Sanctuary, and the solution, so far, has not been found.

To Summertime "weed-eating" was brought up, as was the scraping and re-painting of metal railings at the church entrance. Trustees have volunteered for these tasks, starting next month during evening hours of daylight.

® A lengthy discussion took place regarding the various improvements to the playground area, and an important part of this dealt with State safety codes and also with liability issues.

The Board meeting closed with an important piece of business: a vote, unanimously expressing appreciation for Matthew Woody's outstanding construction of five picnic tables, as part of his Eagle Scout requirements. These tables are placed in the church playground and on the Parish House lawn. Board Chair Jerry Dillashaw opened the evening's meeting with a prayer of thanks for all of our blessings. (Oh, yesthe "problem tree" near the Sanctuary has been "de-

problemmed".)

Opportunities for Service at our Sunday Services Flowers for MAY

04 Dr. and Mrs. Martin Shotzberger

11 Judge and Mrs. D. Marsh McLelland

18 Mrs. Vera Dixon 25 Dr. and Mrs. William Rippy

Ushers for MAY

04 Earl Parker, Mike Mayse, Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley

11 Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Tommy Oakley, Stan Willard

18 Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, Bill Beyer, Richard Orsvath

25 Dick Rinker, George Troxler, Bill Linde

Acolytes for MAY

04 Rebecca Perry and Susan Heinzerling

11 Miranda Rich and Nicole Williamson

18 Christine Fogleman and Robert Danieley 25 Claire and Zach Welborn

Greeters for MAY

04 The Linde Family

11 The Mayse Family 18 Cary and Jackie Matlock

25 Jimma and Chris Causey

Nursery for MAY

04 Ann and Kim Acquilano

11 Robin and Mike Gregory 18 Betty and Roger King

25 Patsy and Ralph Jourdan

Second Hour Child Care

for MAY

04 Christy and David Ruth 11 Sherri and Keith Linton

18 Lesli and Lynn Denny

25 Helen and Bill Rippy



CHURCH ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL

Mar. 23 - 185

Mar. 27 - 70 (Maundy Thursday Service)

Mar. 28 - 55 (Good Friday Service) Mar. 30 - 258

Apr. 06 - 153

Apr. 13 - 133 Apr. 20 - 129

Apr. 27 - 137

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS.... MAY CIRCLE MEETINGS

Circle 1 - Will meet on Monday, May 5, 1997, 10:30 a.m. in the Church Library. Hostess: Kathleen Allen.

Circle 2 - Will meet on Monday, May 5, 1997, 7:30 p.m. in the home of Ethel Oakley.

Circle 3 - Will meet on Tuesday, May 6, 1997, 2:30 p.m. in the Church Library. Hostess: Doris Brafford.

RESUME Your Name Here Elon College Community Church Elon College, NC

OBJECTIVE To be Liturgist in the Sunday Worship Service at least in 1997

EMPLOYMENT

Volunteer

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Responsibilities and accomplishments.

To serve The Lord and live a Christian Life. To be a Litur

EDUCATION You know that this is not relevant in the eyes of Lord!

SKILLS Able to read the Scripture to the Congregation
GET THE POINT? You can be

liturgist. If you are interested in being Liturgist one Sunday in 1997 please call me at 584-4046, see m at Church or call the Church office

Tom Conally

A story from your Global Ministries ...

"Stand up, take your mat and walk." -- Jn. 5:6 (NRSV)

CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF SOCIETY

People with disabilities in China have long been regarded as burdens to their families and communities. Because they have not received appropriate education or training, most have not been able to earn a living, and their self-esteem has been very low. But in Yixing County, Jiangsu Province, the disabled are gaining recognition as contributing members of their villages.

Jenny Huang, who teaches English through the Amity Foundation, said part of last year's orientation for teachers included learning about Amity's community-based rehabilitation project there -- the first of its kind in China. Amity hopes to convince the government to set up similar projects nationwide.

Rather than bringing disabled people to a center to be rehabilitated, field workers are trained and sent into the villages to work directly with the people. Much of what they provide is counseling and encouragement, which means a whole new life. A 17-year-old sightless boy is now a masseur; a young blind girl plans to study music in college; other blind or deaf people are raising animals or opening businesses. Through a holistic approach, the workers help people cope with daily living and provide new hope for the permanently disabled. The Yixing project not only improves the lives of people with disabilities, it benefits entire communities.

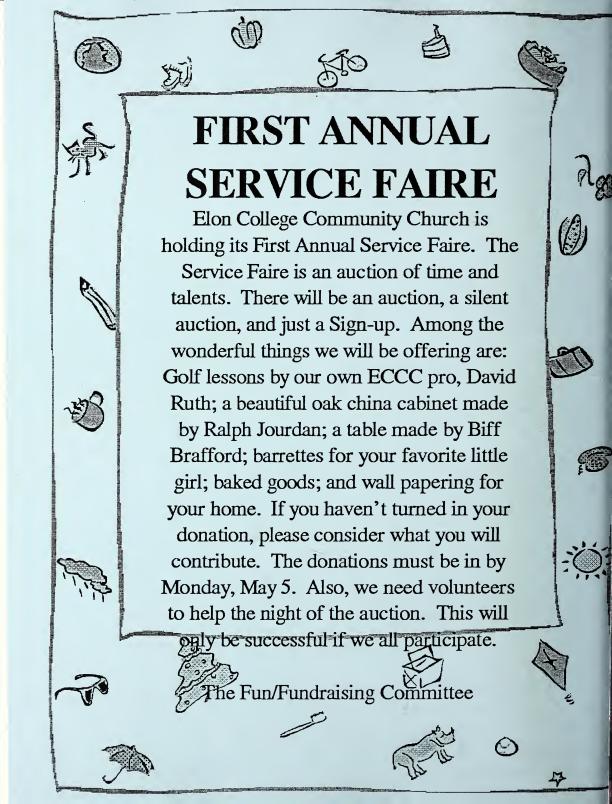


You make the difference .

The prayers and help you provide through your congregation make possible the work and witness of GLOBAL MINISTRIES missionaries you support through Basic Mission Finance of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Our Church's Wider Mission of the United Church of Christ.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

April 1997



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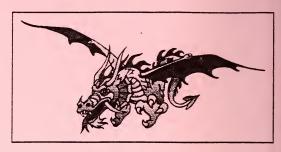


ways. You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; You shall be Happy is everyone who respects the Lord God, who walks in God's happy, and it shall go well with you! Psalm 128:1-2

From the pastor . . .

Boyond the Green Monsters . . .

The person is agitated, fearful, and cannot seem to get focused. The blood pressure is high and the blood sugar rises. The Green Monster has entered his or her life and grows with each thought, worry, or hyper ventilating breath!



Soon the Green Monster is so large that it overwhelms the person and overtakes every ounce of human energy. Fighting the Green Monster seems impossible. With that bit of knowledge it grows larger.

Scripture tells us to "fear not" We are advised not to worry about tomorrow but to focus on today. Easier said than done! But there is a way to remove the fears and worries which feed the Green Monsters that haunt us in today's world.

In our Stephen Ministry program one lesson deals with what is called "The Small Step Approach". It is a wonderful way to make Green Monsters disappear from our lives. The small steps to help us get set reasonable goals for ourselves are these:

- ① Ask yourself, "How could I be a little better?"

 After considering several options and ideas, then . . .
- ② Ask yourself, "Is this option/idea reasonable? Can I really do this?"
 Choose the small steps that are possible!
- 3 Set a deadline, not too far away, no longer than a week or so to take the first step. A couple of days is best!
- Write down what you will be doing when your goal is reached, so that anyone could read your goal and know what you mean!

If you find yourself overwhelmed by a problem or a circumstance of life's reality (Green Monster time!) try using this process to take the first steps to healing, freedom and resolve. (The Green Monster begins to shrink immediately!)

When we take steps like these, we begin to remove some of the fear and worry that looms over us growling like hungry green beasts. When we take small steps reaching toward realistic goals we feel the sense of accomplishment that diminishes the monster and allows us to grow larger emotionally and spiritually.

Jesus mastered this approach. His goals were basic, simple and yet life changing for those touched by them. The small steps he took made the Kingdom he proclaimed real to all who witnessed them.

Start today on your campaign to shrink the Green Monsters that have troubled you. Ask the questions prayerfully and watch yourself grow . . . beyond the Green Monsters!

"God is working in you to help you to want to do and be able to do what please God....You live in a sinful world. You must shine like stars lighting up the sky, as you offer the world the message of life." Philippians 2:13,15b

YOU + KIDS + GOD = The Ultimate



at Elon College Community Church

We will have some openings for Children and Youth Sunday School teachers beginning in Late August if You have a ♥ for the Ministry and YOU.....

- ▼ LOVE kids enjoy them, have fun with them, encourage them
- **▼ LOVE** God
- **♥** Patient
- ♥ Are Flexible
- ▼ Are willing to Learn along side the kids

COME BE A PART OF THE TEAM !!!





1745 Eldena Way #36 Modesto, CA 95350 May 19, 1997

Dear friends,

As I reflect on what it means to have spent 96 years on God's good earth, I find it difficult to realize that I am unable to express in handwriting my appreciation to all of you for your continued cards, letters, phone calls, prayers, flowers, and other ways you remember me.

I am indeed fortunate there is a place I can call home where the staff truly cares for the welfare of the residents. Both one of my grand-daughters and a grand-daughter-in-law a on the staff here, which makes it seem like family is always near. Living here allows m to be independent as long as possible, without having to live with one of my children. From my own experience, I know how difficult this would be for them. My son, Jim, as his wife see that I get to church almost every week, and help me deal with the forgetfulness and confusion of an aging mind.

Even surrounded with dozens of other people, I still have the loneliness that comes from having lived as a couple for seventy years and then finding myself single for almost three years since Alfred's death. The contacts from you all help to fill this void in ways you can never imagine. Though we may be separated in geography, the love expressed has a trouble in spanning the distance. I trust you can feel the love and appreciation returning to you from me.

My room has essentially no space for knick-knacks and mementos that I sometimes receive, even though I appreciate the thought behind them. I do love to read and can pareading material on to others here through our library when I have finished with it. I do love those home-made cookies and an occasional chocolate goodie that I receive. But most of all, I appreciate your thoughts, your love, and your prayers.

With love and affection,

Ruth Hurst

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

+ Jim and Lorene Lyon and family in the death of Jim's sister, Mrs. Katherine Moore in Burlington, NC on May 14, 1997.

Dear Congregation:

All of the McLellands rejoiced last week that tests showed that Ernie is cancer free. All of us are deeply grateful for your prayers and expressed concern for Ernie. We have no doubt that your appeals were heard by our Merciful Father in Heaven and all of us are profoundly grateful to all of you. Thanks be to God and to you.

With all our love and thanks,

Marsh McLelland for the McLelland Family

Dear Church Members and Friends: Thank you so much for your Support in my Relay for Life walk. Due to your support and generosity it was very successful. The total amount raised this year was almost \$100,000.00. My team raised approximately \$1700.00, and I raised almost \$1,000.00. Although I did not reach the goal I set for myself, I am pleased with the donations and support we did receive. My team had someone on the track walking for most of the 18-hour walk.

The American Cancer Society did a very good job organizing the event. I hope next year many of you will consider walking or coming out to the event. About 8:30 p.m. the luminaries are lit and stay on all night. It is very beautiful. There are many things going on in the

evening to entertain young and old. Thank you again for your support.

Ann Acquilano

Thanks to a beautiful sunny sky and a brisk "tailwind," the 27 walkers in the first annual Elon College Crop Walk completed the 10 km course in record time. The total raised from three participating churches was \$2,570.00 75% of this total will be used by Church World Services in their hunger-fighting projects, with 25% being returned to Allied Churches of Alamance County. So many participated in the Crop Walk that we hesitate to mention names for fear of unintentionally overlooking someone; all who participated made a very important contribution. We do wish to thank those who presented Mission Moments, participated in the "Person in the Pew" broadcast, served as recruiter, registrar, refreshment stand attendants, walkers and sponsors with a special "thank you" to Harris Teeter for contributing water for the walkers.

Certainly, if this much can be raised by a small group of walkers, just think what we can accomplish with more churches and organizations participating. We look forward to an even greater achievement in 1998.

"Oh God, to those who hunger give bread, to those with bread give the hunger for justice." (Latin American Prayer)

Submitted by Norma Watson Mission Board





CONGRATULATIONS TO ... Jennifer Day, who won second place at an awards ceremony on April 27 at Graham Municipal Building for the Burlington Writer's Club Annual Contest. This contest was sponsored by the Lions Club. Trophies and certificates went to first, second, and third place winners. Jennifer's award was under High-school fiction. Sharon Jeanne Rinker and John Joseph Johnson, Jr. on their marriage on April 26 at Peace United Church of Christ in Greensboro. Sharon is the

Rinker.

Doe Mattern was the first place winner in an Essay contest sponsored by Mr. Phillip Carret on the Ideals and Principals of Thomas Jefferson. Joe was among 24 entries and won \$750.00 prize money and a trip to Monticello provided by the Thomas Jefferson Foundation. This was awarded to Joe on May 6, 1997.

MISSION BOARD NEWS...

daughter of Dick and Jane

Elon Homes for Children seeks volunteers for its New to Your Thrift Store. A variety of tasks such as sorting and hanging clothes, pricing merchandise, assisting shoppers, helping with pick ups - something for everyone with willing hands and heart! Call Wilma Williamson between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at 513-0002 to discuss this rewarding volunteer placement. She's waiting to hear from you!

Church World Service has expanded to \$400,000 its appeal for the tornado and floods that have ravaged the Midwest and South in recent weeks. The new appeal includes

the Upper Midwest, which means the Dakotas and Minnesota. Send monetary gifts, marked "Midwest/South Storms 1997", to your Conference Office with a request that they be forwarded as soon as possible to the UCBWM Office for Global Sharing of Resources, 475 Riverside Drive, 16th floor, New York, NY 10115.

The Mission of Caring and Sharing Ministries is to enable older people, or people with disabilities to maintain their independence and dignity.

Services offered include:

transportation
friendly visiting
telephone reassurance
minor home repair
yard work
light housekeeping
shopping assistance
assistance with mail and forms
reading aloud
caregiver respite

caregiver respite

If you have needs in one or
more of these areas, or if you
would like to help another
person in one or more of these
listed areas, please call
Caring and Sharing at 2290881.

Allied Churches of Alamance
County will hold their second
annual barbecue sale fundraiser Saturday, May 31, 1997
from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at
Allied Churches Ministries
Center, 206 N. Fisher Street.
The cost if \$6.00 per ticket
for a pint or a plate (plates
come with slaw, baked beans,
and roll). Your purchase
benefits your homeless,
hungry, and poor neighbors.
Stop by on your way to our
Service Faire.



CONGRATULATIONS TO



OUR KNOWN COLLEGE GRADUATES...

Ann Acquilano, received a BS degree in Finance and Business from Elon College on May 24, 1997.

Brian Harper, received a BS degree from Elon College on May 24, 1997. His degree is in Biology and a minor in Religion. He is a President's List student and was inducted into Beta Beta National Honor Society for Biologists in 1996. Brian recently received a Graduate Assistantship from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro where he will pursue a graduate degree beginning in the Fall of 1997.

Connie Jourdan graduated Magna Cum Laude from East Carolina University on May 9, 1997 with a BS degree in Middle School Education.

OUR KNOWN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES...

Ann Acquilano, graduates from Walter Williams High School on June 6, 1997.

Ben Gill, graduates from Western Alamance High School on June 6, 1997.

Brad Linde, graduates from Western Alamance High School on June 6, 1997. Brad plans to attend Elon College this fall as a music major.

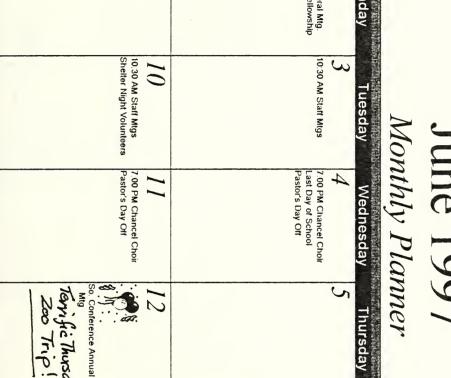
Elizabeth Mayse, graduates from Walter Williams High School on June 6, 1997.

Scott Williamson, graduates from Western Alamance High School on June 6, 1997. Scott plans to attend Central Community College in Sanford, NC, majoring in television and radio broadcasting.



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Women's Fellowship	10:30 AM Staff Mtgs	7.00 PM Chancel Choir Last Day of School Pastor's Day Off		8:30 PM Shelter Meal Circle One DCE's Day Off Shelter Night Volunteers Stephen's Ministry Retreat

Stephen's MinIstry Retreat



5:00 PM Pastor-Parish 11:00 AM Worship 8 30 AM Teacher Breakfast 9:45 AM Sunday School

Relations Comm.

11:00 AM Worship

9.45 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Staff Mtgs

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Ala. Cub Scout Day Camp Boy Scout Trip

9.00 AM Spencer Shops

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Stephen's Ministry Retreat Graduate Sunday Training 6:30 PM Church Night 4.30 PM VBS Teacher 11:00 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School

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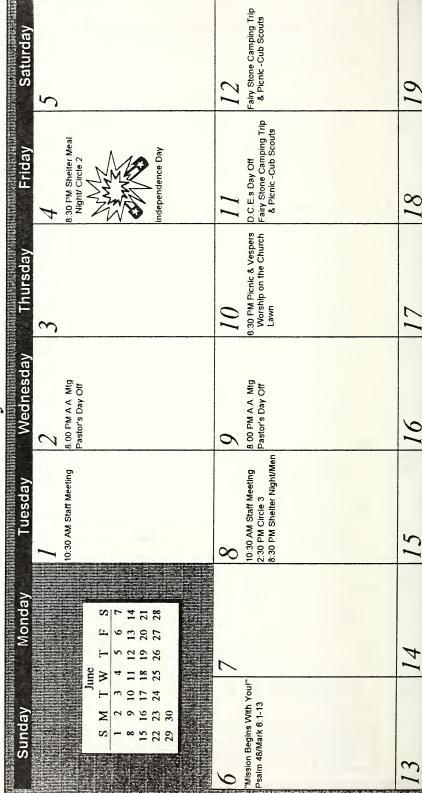
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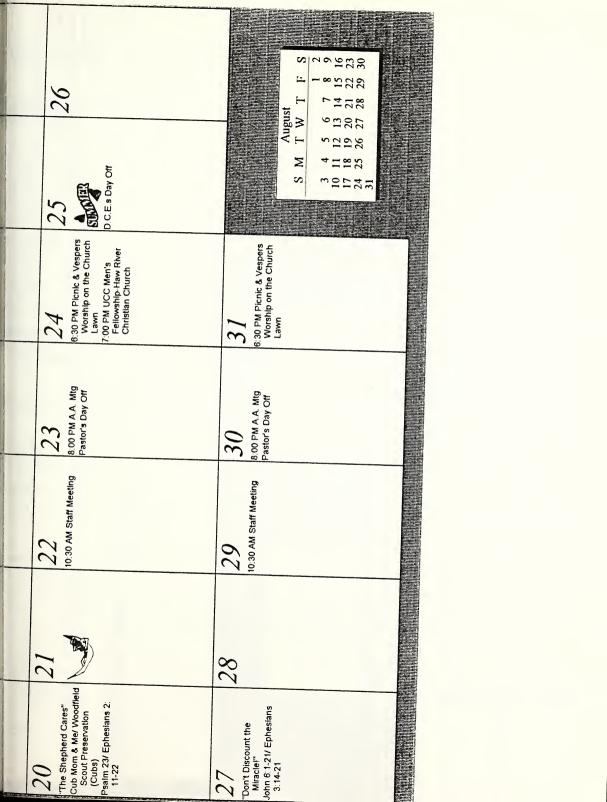
Cub Mom & Me/ Woodfield

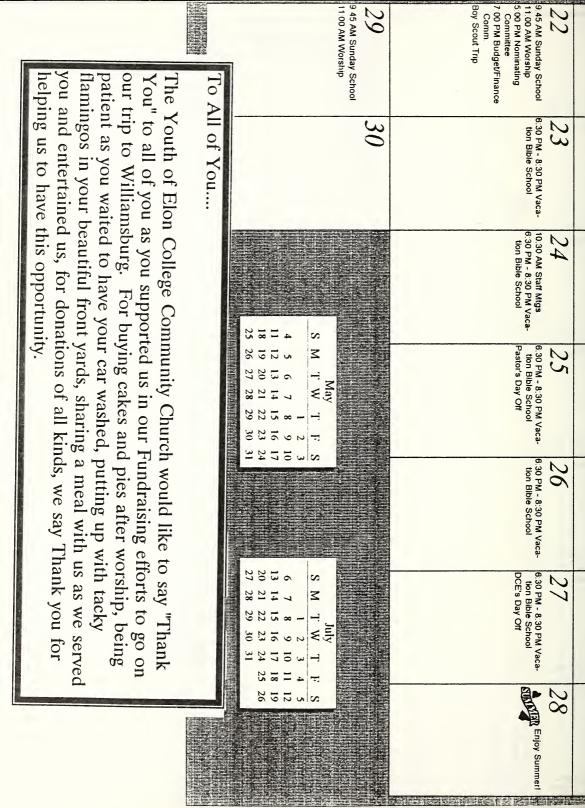
6:30 PM Picnic & Vespers D.C.E.s Day Off

8:00 PM A.A. Mtg

0:30 AM Staff Meeting

6:30 PM Church Night





hristian Education News....

mmer Sunday School is Coming....

n now for your Children and Youth to join us for Summer Sunday ool. There are openings available for Leaders. If you would like to be t of our Summer All-Star Team, see Becky.

ldren - Youth Sunday School

Vill be Multi-aged

Vill be lots of Fun

Vill be Bible-oriented

Vill meet in the Youth Sunday School room!

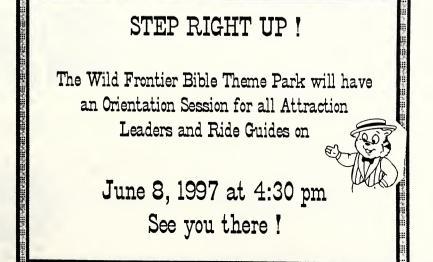
Vill begin June 1

ne join the Fun!!!!



join us for Promotion Sunday on Aug. 24. More details to come from

Board.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS....
The Women's Fellowship will hold their annual June General Meeting on Monday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish House. All the women of the church, (and any interested men), are invited to bring a covered dish and join the group to hear our special guest, Dr. Raymond Hargrove, Director of Spiritual Life for Elon Homes for Children as he tells us about his work in this newly created position and some of the ways we can assist the residents of the Homes as a neighbor church.

JULY/AUGUST CIRCLE MEETINGS Circle 1 - Will meet on Monday, August 4 at 10:30 a.m. in the Church Library. Hostess: Fran Hook Circle 2 - Will meet on Monday, August 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Beth Wilkins.

Circle 3 - Will meet on Tuesday, July 8 at 2:30 p.m. in the Church Library. Hostess: Frances Longest.

Summer Conference for Church Women of the Southern Conference will be held June 16-18, 1997 at the Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center at Blackstone, Virginia. The theme is "Voice of Visions." This is a time of spiritual enrichments and fellowship and is open to any woman in the conference. Eastern North Carolina women have always been very active and supportive in this organization. Esther Kernodle served as the first president, Jane Hamilton succeeded her; Verona Danieley and Beth Wilkins have served as officers and Katherine Floyd is currently secretary. Lisa Barrows of First Christian UCC in Burlington, is currently president of Eastern North Carolina Church Women. Registration forms are available on the

back of April Southern Conference Newsletter in church office or from Katherine Floyd. (538-0308).

Church Women of the United Church of Christ will hold their Southern Regional Meeting at the Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds on September 26-28, 1997. The theme this year is "Strangers No More" and will be based on Ephesians 2:19-22. Rev. Diana Snowa will be keynote speaker, special guests will be Rev. Loey Powell, Executive Director of the Coordinating Center for Women and Rev. Steve Miller of Hunger Action, United Church Board for World Ministries. Numerous workshops will be held and tours of the area are planned. Registration forms are available from Katherine Floyd, (538-0308), deadline is August 29.

The Lyon family wants to thank the pastor and the church family for their prayers, cards, and concerns in the brief illness and death of Jim's sister, Kathryn Lyon Moore.





YOUTH BOX

JUNE 1 - A MUST GATHERING
All youth participating in the trip to
Williamsburg must be at Youth
Fellowship at 1:30 pm. Final details
for trip will be explained and we will
draw up our Covenant.

JUNE 16 - 18



BUSCHGARDENS. WILLIAMSBURG VA

An Anheuser-Busch Theme Park.

LOOK for something special in August to kick-off NEW Youth Format and Fellowship Opportunities.

Join us for a foot-stompin' good time at the Wild Frontier Bible Theme Park!

Theme Park's Location:

Elon College Community Church

John Militarion Operating Season:

June 23 - 27

June 23 - 27, 1997

Operating Hours:

6:30 - 8:30 pm

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Dear Parent:

Step right up! This summer, Elon College Community
Church is setting the stage for memorable Bible learning with
the WILD FRONTIER BIBLE THEME PARK.

Each day your children will participate in Bible learning that they can see...hear...touch...and even taste. Unique crafts, team-building games, lively Bible songs, and treats that teach are just a few of the

activities that will introduce children to Jesus. He's the Main Attraction at this theme park! Children will enjoy hands-on Bible adventures every day.

The **WILD FRONTIER BIBLE THEME PARK** is great fun for children of all ages; even teenagers will enjoy joining the theme park staff as "Ride Guides" who help younger children.

So mark June 23-27 on your calendar. Our Main Gate entrance opens at 6:30 pm and closes at 8:30 pm. Call 910/584-0391 to register your children for a Bible-learning adventure they'll never forget.

Let's also use this time to focus on serving others. We will again support the Good Shepherd Kitchen of Allied Churches. Items needed are: Liquid dish detergent, paper plates, paper cups, Paper towels, 30 gallon trash bags, large freezer bags, foil, plastic wrap, breakfast cereal. These can be brought any day during VBS.

SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

(12/12) 4 MONTHS

CCB General Checking Acct REPORT DATE: 04/30/97

ACCOUNT	CURRENT MONTH (THIS YEAR)	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE	OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR	ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR)
INCOME						
TOTAL INCOME	17,008.45	63,845.68	63,202.64	643.04+	189,608.00	55,777.33
TOTAL RENTAL INCOME	217.06	3,067.06	4,050.00	982.94	12,150.00	2,950.00
TOTAL OFFICE INCOME	8.50	8.50	00.	8.50+	00.	00.
TOTAL SALES TAX REFUND	00.	892.11	366.68	525.43+	1,100.00	367.34
TOTAL VBS TUITION & FEES	00.	00.	16.68	16.68	50.00	00.
TOTAL GENERAL REFUNDS	00.	00.	00.	0.	0.	00.
TOTAL SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	109.05-	1,144.41	00.	1,144.41+	00.	1,752.99
TOTAL Interest	177.32	451.43	166.68	284.75+	500.00	324.81
TOTAL Misc. Income Accts	120.00	1,410.50	00.	1,410.50+	8.	1,107.81
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19,761.15	74,464.00	2,512.02+	14,885.60	17,397.62	2,495.09	TOTAL Facility Operation Exp.
43,487.61	141,436.00	2,348.06	47,138.60	44,790.54	10,481.09	TOTAL SALARY EXPENSES
798.53	4,970.00	645.85	1,631.28	985.43	57.96	TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXP
390.12	1,165.00	309.87	386.80	76.93	53.23	TOTAL EVANGELISM EXPENSES
413.29	2,690.00	65.13	807.32	742.19	55.00	TOTAL MUSIC PROGRAM EXPENSES
731.16	3,369.00	8.99	1,022.24	1,013.25	113.75	TOTAL WORSHIP EXPENSES
3,595.00	13,441.00	00.	7,494.00	7,494.00	1,383.00	TOTAL OTHER MISSION OUTREACH
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55,777.33	189,608.00	643.04+	63,202.64	63,845.68	17,008.45	TOTAL INCOME



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1-2-3: Magic!
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The remarkable new no-nonsense method of training and discipline of kids aged 2-12 without arguing, yelling or spanking

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mance-Burlington Schools
Administration Building
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Registration required advance. Call Child Care esource and Referral at 226-4292 by 6/2/97.



Opportunities for Service at our Sunday Services Flowers for June

01 Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wilkins

08 Mr. and Mrs. James Oakley

15 Mrs. Kathleen Lankford

22 Dr. and Mrs. Earl Danieley

29 Mr. and Mrs. William Pendergrass

Flowers for July

06 Mr. and Mrs. Howard Edgerton

13 Mrs. Lois Luke

20 Mr. and Mrs. William Ruth

27 Dr. and Mrs. John Truitt

Ushers for June

01 Earl Parker, Mike Mayse, Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley

08 Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Tommy Oakley, Stan Willard

15 Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, Bill Beyer, Richard Orsvath

22 Dick Rinker, George Troxler, Bill Linde

29 Bill Ruth, Walter Boyd, Jim Lyon, Jeff Wilkins

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27 Dick Rinker, George Troxler, Bill Linde

Acolytes for June

01 Derrick Horner and Jessica Horner

08 Jeff Martin and Hope Martin

15 David Brown and Megan Brown

22 Jeff Wilkins and Jesse Chatfield

29 Rebecca Perry and Susan Heinzerling

Acolytes for July

06 Miranda Rich and Nicole Williamson

13 Christine Fogleman and Robert Danieley

20 Claire Welborn and Zach Welborn

27 Derrick Horner and Jessica Horner

Greeters for June

01 Ken and Lou Harper

08 Mark and Heidi Danieley

15 Brent and Kay Hensley

22 Bill and Jackie Pendergrass

29 David and Christy Ruth

Greeters for July

06 Bill and Mary Ruth

13 John and Ellie Ketcham

20 Harvey and Fran Hook

27 Bill and Jean Motley

Nursery for June

01 Jim and Lorene Lyon

29 Mary Ruth

08 Cary and Jackie Matlock

15 Wes and Jane Alexdander

22 Lou Harper and Meg Wilkins

Nursery for July

06 Maxine Rich and Miranda Rich

13 Olga Griswold and Cile Welborn

20 Eric and Melodie Allshouse

27 Heidi Danieley and Cheryl Linde

Second Hour Child Care for June

01 Wally and Nell Snyder

08 Sue Brown and Lydia Troxler

15 Gayland Welborn and Mark Danieley

22 Katherine Floyd and Marie Wilkins

29 Jean and Bill Motley

Second Hour Child Care for July

06 Patsy Oliver and Marie Wilkins

13 Eddie Oliver and Jeff Wilkins, III

20 Mike and Janet Mayse

27 Kim and Steve Perry

Church Attendance for

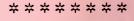
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From the Pastor . . . Kirchengemeinschaft

In 1981 we called it <u>Kirchengemeinschaft</u>, one of those combined word forms of German that we in the United States tried to translate as "Full Communion!" I witnessed it in New Milford Connecticut at Sunday morning worship when three representatives of the Evangelical Church of the Union in East and West Germany concelebrated Holy Communion in our old, historic Meetinghouse. The General Synod of the United Church of Christ had ratified what the German Church had done earlier, to recognize the sacraments, ordination and an open relationship on an international level. It was a July 4th I would not forget!



The next year found me preaching and celebrating sacraments in congregations in, what was then a divided Germany. The experience was rich in cultural and spiritual bridge building. History and a vision of future cooperation made the U.C.C. motto, That they all might be one!, come alive in a fresh new way. I was moved by the spirit of Christian Fellowship that continued through the years. That relationship continues to manifest itself in the Southern Conference today.

Last year our conference voted to become partners with the church in Angola. Another bridge is being built.

On Sunday July 6 I turned on the news from the Durham Television ABC affiliate to hear the morning headlines. The words took me by surprise: The United Church of Christ will merge with the Presbyterian and Evangelical Lutheran Denominations. Wow!

Our General Synod (Katherine Floyd was honored there, too!) voted to enter into an American and International <u>Kirchengemeinschaft</u> or full communion relationship with the two other denominations that share reformation roots. Hundreds of years of separation fall away as sacraments, ordination and program will be brought together in a new shared understanding. We will not give up our traditional names, but working together will be given a new burst of energy and vision.

And why not? Jesus did pray for the unity of his followers in John 17. In a world that needs Good News, we need to come together to proclaim the compassion and truth of his message.

We need to pray for the new effort and for unity of spirit and mission. God can't help but rejoice with us as we take the tiny baby steps into full communion in Christ . . . or as we called it a few years ago, Kirchengemeinschaft!

Prayerfully,

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From Becky's Desk....

This summer marks the ten year anniversary of my participation in Mountain T.O.P. The "T.O.P." stands for Tennessee Outreach Project which is a work/service project located in the Cumberland mountains of Tennessee. My first work/service project proved to be a great initiation into one of these life-changing opportunities.

Ten years ago on a drizzly, summer Saturday morning, twelve hearty souls (6 youth and 6 adults) left Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Shelby, NC for McMinnville, TN. We were all a bit apprehensive and anxious about what we would find at Mountain T.O.P. We asked ourselves a hundred times, "I wonder what kind of job we will get to do first?"

When we arrived the next day, it was a hot, sultry Sunday morning in the Cumberland mountains. We discovered, upon our arrival, there were four other groups who had the same questions as we; the same apprehensions; and were trying to figure out what we had all gotten ourselves into. We spent an entire week worshipping, working, and sharing with those other groups from Tennessee, Iowa, Michigan, and Minnesota. The Mountain T.O.P. staff helped to mold and shape our individual groups into a community - a community of new people, new friends, new experiences; all adding to our individual lives and experiences.

At the end of the week, we were exhausted, but we did not want to leave. For we found, we had a week where our hearts had been shared with others. I saw lives changed and I knew all the year-long work preparing had been worthwhile.

I've had the privilege to go on three other work projects, helping to design a new one, since that first one. However, the first one made the biggest impact on my life. I relate my thoughts of my first Work projects experience with you because God has impressed upon me that in the summer of 1998, it will be time to do it again. Only this time, it will be with youth and adults from Elon College Community Church. From experience, I know it will take the support of this entire congregation for us to get ready and be able to accomplish this. I invite you to journey with the youth of this church in whatever way you are able.

In Christ+,

Becky



News from the Trustees . . .

The Elon College Community Church Board of Trustees meeting of June 8, 1997 dealt with discussions on a rather large group of problems, as well as taking action on some others, as follows:

- ① The Board voted to expend \$475.00 to have the down-spouting and drains at the main building put into proper condition. At the same time, Biff Brafford, Building Superintendent, and his associate, Harvey Hook, reported that after a long and thorough inspection, no roof leaks were evident.
- ② Many members of the church have noticed that the hand railing at the deck and ramp entrance area of the Parish House was in need of repair. Mr. Brafford has agreed to correct that problem and to head up the project. (ed. note. Biff Brafford, Paul Fairfield, Bill Linde, and Harvey Hook have already started the project. The new rails look safe and aesthetically pleasing!)
- ③ The seepage problem at the threshold of the education wing's rear door will be corrected with the installation of heavy duty linoleum. (The installation of an entryway canopy at this site was brought up for consideration.)

TONIGHT!

A one-time presentation of the classic, THE VANISHING BRICKPILE

featuring a virtuoso performance on the front loader by Marko Da Nieley and supported by "The Seven Trustys" and a walk-on performance by the noted character-actor, Il Pastore And to the 3,711 bricks: "Requiescat in Pace, wherever you are!"

- ⑤ The Board cast a unanimous vote for an expression of appreciation to the church members who made our First Annual Service Faire an outstanding social and financial success. (\$7000.00 and lots of fun were raised!)
- © Mr. Jorge Aguilar, the new tenant of the Parsonage, has offered to take care of the removal of the dead tree behind the house.
- Tailings at the front of the church.
- ® The flaking plaster moldings on the chancel and choir loft areas of the sanctuaries will be sealed, repaired and repainted. (ed. note. Paint Contractor, Jimmy Holmes completed that project and others the week of July 13 20!)
- The last item of business for the Board at this meeting was another lengthy discussion concerning the many problems relating to the church's playground. Legal and maintenance issues were explored. Some ideas discussed included: materials used for ground cover; insurance issues and liability when a child is injured; public access vs. church controlled usage; inspection and maintenance of the current equipment and the fencing; the possibilities of legal action; and State and local codes of safety and responsibility. Church members will be made aware of the results of future investigations regarding the playground situation.

Respectfully reported by Trustee, Bill Ellis

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

+ George Shumar in the death of his brother, Alfred Shumar on June 8, 1997 in Mt. Pleasant, SC.

MEMORIAM

Memorials to the following people were received January 1, 1997 through June 30, 1997.

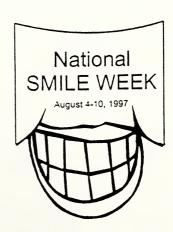
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N. R. Franks, Sr.
Pearl Harper
John Hughes
David Kreiser
Margaret Orsvath
Harold Parker
Dorothy and James Ruth
Tim Stanley
Gladys Vickers
Charles Woolsey
Nina Briggs Young



CONGRATULATIONS TO...

 Helen Myra Rippy and Christopher William Roehner were married on June 20, 1997 at Elon College Community Church. The bride is the daughter of Bill and Helen Rippy.

© Kristin and Tony Pinnix on the birth of a son, Lance Alexander Pinnix on July 7, 1997. The proud grandparents are Beth and Louis Wilkins.

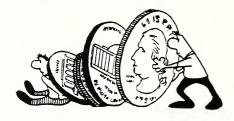


Board of Missions News

The Alamance Resue Mission is currently holding a "Penny Round-Up" to help meet daily operating expenses during the financially slow Summer months. Their goal is to collect one million pennies.

To help them in this mission effort, your Mission Board, is asking you to bring your pennies for collection in the Narthex of the church on August 24. Start saving

those pennies now for that support of this worthwhile cause!



Respectfully submitted, Norma Watson

Let Your Light Shine!

Acolyte Training is scheduled for Sept. 6, 1997 at 10:30 am. All rising third graders and others not currently involved as an acolyte are invited to attend.

All veteran acolytes are also urged to attend as a refresher.

Questions? Contact Becky or the Board of Deacons.

Your invitation to a neighbor or friend to worship or Sunday School is the most effective way to grow our church. When vou bring those you vay to care! invite and Shepherd! introduce them it's the best



Youth notes&news

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at

EMERALD POINTE WATER PARK

WATER PARK

EMERALD POINTE WATER PARK

AUG. 9, 1997

COST: \$19.95 paid on or before AUG. 4, 1997

TIME: Meet at the church at 9:30 am

Permission slips are required!



PLANNING SESSION FOR YOUTH

SEPT. 7, 1997

AT

1:30 PM

IN

THE YOUTH ROOM

Hope to see you there!

August 2 1776

Signing of Declaration of Independence

CLUED IN...



To All Children and Youth Sunday School Teachers:

Come get "clued in" on Sunday School for the new year. Join in a teacher orientation session on Aug. 17, 1997 at 5:00 pm to kick-off the new year.

25, 1997

rend Arch Aitcheson
College Community Church
Williamson Avenue
College, NC 27244

Shalimar United Methodist Church

PO BOX 795, SHALIMAR, FLORIDA 32579 (904)651-0721



Arch,

to thank you and the members of your church for doing such a wonderful job hosting our and making us feel so welcome! We especially enjoyed our tour of the college. What an et is to your community. It is such a beautiful campus.

convey to the members of your congregation our sincere gratitude. I hope that we will be repay your hospitality at some point in the future. Our area is a wonderful place to visit!

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Christian Education News...

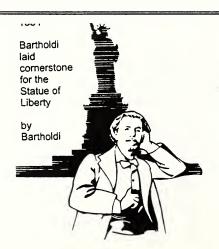
IN THE BEGINNING.... Christian Education Sunday/RALLY DAY SEPT. 28, 1997

Adults with growing children are in a unique position to reach out. Think about the boys and girls with whom your children play regularly. How many of them do not yet have a church home to which they can go each Sunday morning?

Coming up, on RALLY DAY, SEPT. 28, is a great opportunity to invite these children and their families to join your family at Sunday School for a wonderful time of fellowship and learning together. As a follower of Jesus Christ, one of your commitments is to share the GOOD NEWS with others. What better place to begin!

The beginning of a new Sunday School year is a fresh time for starting up a continuing relationship with Christian learning experiences. Engaging children in the discoveries that can come when groups share together at church is a wonderful start for a year filled with fun and fellowship.

Take a minute with your children to figure out who you, as a family, might invite to come to Sunday School with you on Sept. 28. It's an opportunity not to be missed!





"God is working in you to help you to want to do and be able to do what please God.... You live in a sinful world. You must shine like stars lighting up the sky, as you offer the world the message of life." Philippians 2:13,15b

YOU + KIDS + GOD = The Ultimate



at Elon College Community Church

We will have some openings for Children and Youth Sunday School teachers beginning in Late August if You have a \heartsuit for the Ministry and YOU.....

- ▼ LOVE kids enjoy them, have fun with them, encourage them
- **♥ LOVE** God
- **♥** Patient
- ♥ Are Flexible
- ▼ Are willing to Learn along side the kids

COME BE A PART OF THE TEAM !!!



"Bobby says he'll come home Mrs. Lindstrom, but only if he gets full amnesty for what happened at camp." June 9, 1997

Dear church family,

I have been thinking about how to begin this letter for days, but I have been unable to find the words that will really capture just how joyfully overwhelmed, how humbled I am by your support of my Peace Corps mission. Your words of encouragement, your listening ears, your smiles, your helpful advice and questions, your generous gifts, and your glad hearts all have touched me deeply. Thank you! Already I am looking forward to sharing my adventures with you. Tomorrow, I leave for this adventure secure in God's love as that love has been expressed to me by all of you. And so I know that, wherever I may go, I will always have a home and family at the Elon College Community Church. Peace be with you!

Love.

Revely Bizh

Beverly Beyer

Notes from all over from dear friends in mission Bulgaria.

Beverly Beyer is currently in the midst of training in Kyustendil, Bulgaria, which is southwest of Sofia, the capital. She is living with a host family for the duration of her training which will last until the end of August. The family has two daughters, ages 14 and 16, and one speaks English. The family is adding to Bev's daytime language training by using flash cards in the evening while they are together.



About 50 Peace Corps volunteers are in this training group ranging in age from that of students just out of college to retirees. The three areas of expertise brought are: business, English as a second langauge, and environmental systems. When the training ends, the members of the group will be sent to their assignments at various locations throughout Bulgaria. Individual trainees could end up as the only American in the assigned village or town.

Beverly finds the countryside beautiful. She has visited a ski resort and has gone mountain climbing with her instructors and classmates. That adventure included playing in the snow and seeing the vistas of flowers.

She is adapting to second hand smoke and unreliable transportation. She has been interviewed by a local radio station, and she reports that the town is pretty and the cafes are fun. She is thoroughly enjoying the experience thus far.

Shirley and Bill report that it takes her letters about two weeks to reach home and that they have been able to speak with her by phone. They and she will keep us posted on all her adventures.

The family sends thanks for the kind thoughts and wishes directed their way.

Submitted with Love by Bill and Shirley Beyer

If you would like to write Beverly simply cut out the address label (right) and tape it to an envelope! Extra postage is required for Bulgaria!

Beverly Beyer
Peace Corps
P.O. Box 259
Sofia 1000, Bulgaria
KOPПYC HA МИРА
II.К. 259
COФИЯ 1000, БЪЛГАРИЯ

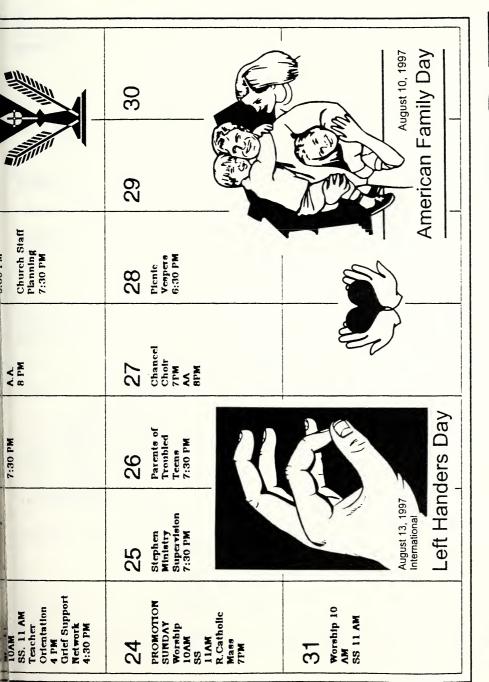
Nashville.

Dear Elon College Community Church Friends,

Words cannot begin to express how blessed I am by your support and encouragement! To those friends who gave me an incredibly generous check, I thank you with all my heart - it came when I needed it very badly. So, whoever those "anonymous" people are, please know you have helped me tremendously. Today I received the prayer journal that several of you signed at Church Night. Again I am overwhelmed with blessings! I have encountered much on this journey and know I will continue to do so. Y'all's love and support always makes the joy greater and the hard times easier to bear. May God continue to live and move through all of you!

Ms. Heather Dillashaw 3210 Orleans Drive Apt. 1 Nashville TN 37212 Much love, Heather Dillashaw, Seminarian

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AC/ETC FUND SUMMARY AS OF 6/30/97

Summary By Year	1996	1997	1998	Total
Income	\$38,838.56	\$9,973.05		\$48,811.61
Expenditures	(\$74,971.05)	(\$17,347.37)		(\$92,318.42)
Interest Paid	(\$254.67)	(\$2,745.33)		(\$3,000.00)
Expenditures				
		(Estimated)		(Actual)
New Air Conditioning System		\$74,971.05		\$74,971.05
Paving Parking Lots (April 1997)		\$16,600.00		\$16,347.37
Tithe Projects:				
Habitat for Humanity of Ala County		\$5,000.00		
Seminary Scolarship Fund		\$5,400.00		\$1,000.00
Interest on loan		\$6,000.00		\$3,000.00
more on real		40,000.00		45,300.00
Total		\$107,971.05		\$95,318.42

Pledge Status

Pledged income	\$104,900.00
Memorials Pledged (see below)	\$3,389.50
Total Available (Pledged+Memorials)	\$108,289.50

Pledges Received as of 6/30/97	\$48,811.61
Outstanding Pledged Income	\$56,088.39



Memorials Pledged to AC/ETC	Account #	
Clemm	8551	\$205.00
Schmidt	8552	\$650.00
Ann Reynolds	8555	\$1,289.00
Vickers	8560	\$673.00
Woosley	8565	\$572.50

Total \$3,389.50

CONFIRMATION CLASSES TO BEGIN

<u>IF</u>	VOLUADE A DIGING HIGH SCHOOL EDECHMAN OF OLDER
IF	YOU ARE A RISING HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN OR OLDER,
IF.	YOU HAVE NOT BEEN THROUGH THE CONFIRMATION PROGRAM OF OUR CHURCH,
	YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE YOUR OWN FAITH AND THE PART YOU CAN PLAY IN THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE	NO PILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND SEND IT TO THE
	CHURCH OFFICE TO RECEIVE THE CONFIRMATION '98 REGISTRATION PACKET. DO IT TODAY!
AND	FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION MATERIAL AND RETURN
	IT BY SEPTEMBER 15, 1997!
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CON	FIRMATION REQUEST FORM
me in	the 1997-98 program which begins on October 5. I want to be in the this year!
Name	CONCIONOTION
	CONFIRMATION
Maili	ng Address:
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Send to the Church Office, P.O. Box 625 Elon College NC 27244-0625

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Oakes
and
Dr. and Mrs. Kennelh L. Harper
invite you to share in the joy of
the marriage uniting their children
Robbyn Lou
and
Brian Keith

The celebration of love will be on Salurday, the ninth of August nineteen hundred and ninety-seven at three o'clock in the afternoon at

Bethlehem Christian Church Altamahaw, North Carolina

Reception following the Ceremony Church Followship Hall

Life is like a big jigsaw puzzle. It's up to you how you put the pieces together.

Henry Boye (c)MMI

Doing a few good turns will never make you dizzy.

Henry Boye (c)MMI

I Sought My Soul

I sought my soul,
But my soul I could not see.
I sought my God,
But my God eluded me.
I sought my brother,
And I found all three.

Anonymous

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AUGUST 9, 1997 - 7:00 A.I.

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2603 HOLLY HILL STRE BURLINGTON, NC 272 910-584-0376 A story from your Global Ministries.



"... from God, Who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation." -- 2 Cor. 5:18 (NRSV)

DISARMING OUR HEARTS

Amy Gopp is a Global Ministries Associate missionary working with the Mennonite Central Committee as a peace consultant based in Zagreb, Croatia. With a small group of colleagues, she recently spent an afternoon in Bosnian Serb territory in Pale, in the hills above Sarajevo. "Admittedly," she said, "I had my own preconceived notions and expectations of what Pale would be like -- and the image in my head was not exactly a pleasant one."

The ecumenical peace workers met with two Bosnian Serb authorities formally, in a conference room, where they drank coffee together -- which, said Amy, in Bosnia is "such an important act that it is a communion of sorts." She took the meeting as a sign of hope, but questioned her own motivations. "How do we as peacemakers disarm our own hearts of the weapons that inhibit our work for peace? How dare I judge this Bosnian Serb (Orthodox) minister and his unwillingness to dialogue with Bosnian Muslims when I myself entered into a meeting with him with my mind already made up as to what an evil enemy he was! This kind of attitude stops any dialogue from happening."

Amy says one of the most effective steps we can take toward peace is learning to reconcile ourselves back to God, for with Christ's help we can transform the conflicts within ourselves in order to make manifest in our own lives the peace we seek for a broken world. And that with His help, we can "rid ourselves of those attitudes that prohibit dialogue, of those misperceptions that we so often form without seeking the truth, of our unwillingness to listen and identify, of our blindness in seeing 'the other' as a child of God."

SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOKEN

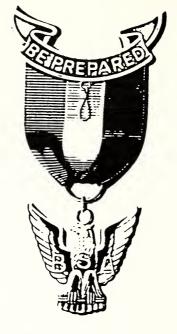
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Facts Of Life compliments of Ralph via the Internet



Please join us to celebrate the

EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

for

Matthew Woody

as part of the Worship Service on Sunday, August 10, 1997 at 10:00 am

A covered dish luncheon will be held in the Parish House at 11:30 to continue the celebration. Everyone is invited to join us for this very special occasion at worship and the luncheon which follows. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

CAROLYN P. RICHARDSON "PAT" Lot 21# Clovercreek Villa Mebane NC 27203 (910) 578-3013

Pat is a nurse by training and has worked with local hospitals and hospice programs. She likes sewing, needle work as well as providing care and understanding to others in need. She comes to us by letter of transfer from Andrews Memorial Baptist Church in Graham.

A SPECIAL GARDEN

by Helen Kitchell Evans

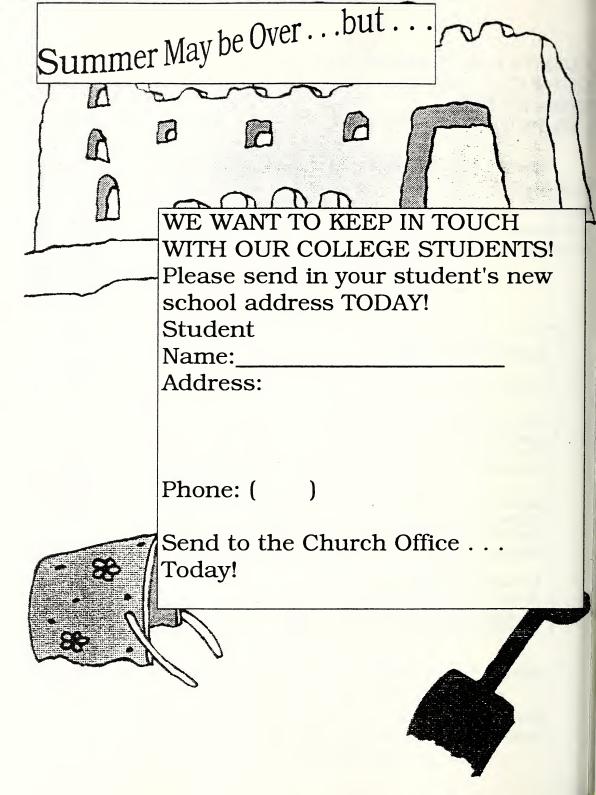
Plant a little seed of kindness Deep within your heart; Tend it well with loving care So it will do well from the start.

Sprinkle it with goodness, Pull the ugly weeds right out; Then the little seeds will grow; Never have a doubt.

Our hearts are little gardens And our thoughts are little seeds; Let us hope the flowers will grow And never ugly weeds.







WANTED ALIVE AND WARM

STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE WANTED
To become Compassionate Listeners and
Care-Givers for those who need Christian
Care in our Congregation
DESCRIPTION:

Male or Female Young or old

Willing to commit to 52 hours of training Willing to commit to two years of service Willing to be supervised in ministry Willing to live Christ in today's world by listening and being present to

REPORT TO:

Arch Aitcheson 584-8147

others!

Becky Peeler 584-8147

Beth Wilkins 584-0755

Beth Schmidt 584-0415

Your Stephen Leaders!

PRAY ABOUT IT AND RESPOND SOON!

A JOYFUL NOISE

by Helen Kitchell Evans

Music is important In the lives of everyone; It lifts the spirit, calms the nerves, Brings joy and love and fun.

There's the music of the birds aloft Upon a Summer's day; There's the music of the children In the their laughter as they play.

There's spirit in the music Of a stirring marching band, And uplifting in the church choirs Across this mighty land.

We thank thee, Lord, for music Bringing pleasure to our days; We thank thee for the joyful songs That forever sing thy praise.





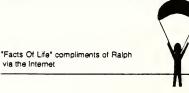
"Fred has the only boa launch on this lake... the why it's never crowded





"I saved the money for Bobby's get well card and went to see him instead

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.





@MMI

Robert Hagen

Opportunities for Service at our Sunday Services Flowers for August

03 Mr. and Mrs. Robin Woody

10 Mrs. Sybyl White

17 Dr. and Mrs. William Andes

24 Mr., and Mrs. Barry Raker

31 Mrs. Josie Huey

Ushers for August

03 Earl Parker, Mike Mayse, Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley

10 Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Tommy Oakley, Stan Willard

17 Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, Bill Beyer, Richard Orsvath

24 Dick Rinker, George Troxler, Bill Linde

31 Bill Ruth, Walter Boyd, Jim Lyon, Jeff Wilkins

Acolytes for August

03 Jeff Martin and Hope Martin

10 David Brown and Megan Brown

17 Jeff Wilkins and Jesse Chatfield

24 Rebecca Perry and Susan Heinzerling

31 Miranda Rich and Nicole Williamson

Greeters for August

03 Martin and Susan Rose

10 Biff and Doris Brafford 17 Richard and Jane Rinker

17 Richard and Jane Rinke

24 Wally and Nell Snyder 31 Eddie and Patsy Oliver

Nursery for August

03 Verona and Earl Danieley

10 Beth Schmidt and Hilda Oxford

17 Ann and Kim Acquilano 24 Robin and Mike Gregory

31 Ralph and Patsy Jourdan

Second Hour Child Care for August

03 Laura Chatfield and Suzanne Shipley

10 Jimma and Chris Causey

17 Lydia Troxler and Jennifer Day

24 Beth Wilkins and Matt Mayse

31 Christy and David Ruth

CHURCH ATTENDANCE FOR JUNE & JULY

June 01 - 126

June 08 - 130 June 15 - 127

June 22 - 123

June 29 - 100

July 06 - 86

July 13 - 117

July 20 - 117

* * * * * * * WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS.... AUGUST CIRCLE MEETINGS

Circle 1 - Will meet on Monday, August 4, 1997 at 10:30 a.m. in the Church Library. Hostess: Fran Hook.

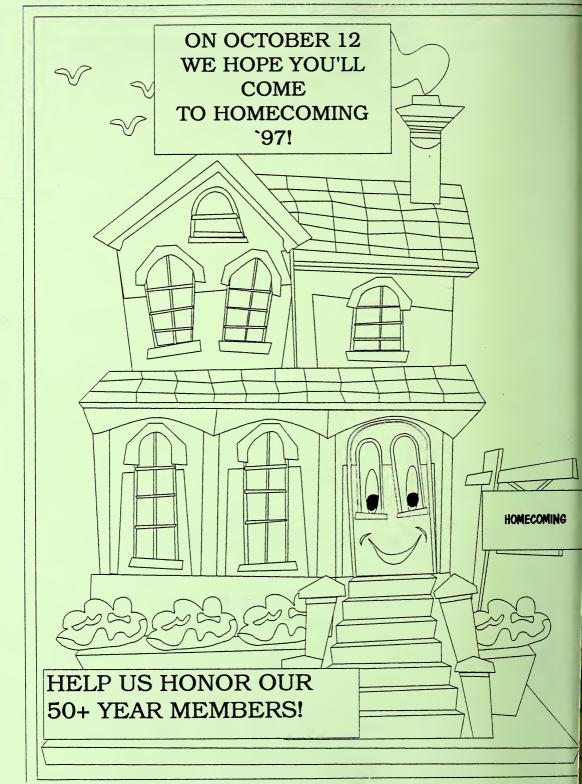
Circle 2 - Will meet on Monday, August 4, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Beth Wilkins.

Women's Fellowship General Meeting September 8, 1997

The Women's Fellowship will begin their new year with a General Meeting on Monday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish House. Our theme for the year will be "Voices of Vision" and Rev. Katrin Schermer from the Evangelical Church of the Union in Germany will be our guest speaker. Rev. Schermer has been serving an internship at Mt. Hope U.C.C. in Guilford County and will soon be returning to Germany to begin her ministry there. Our Southern Conference is in a Partnership with the EKU and we have had a number of German seminary students visiting our churches and contributing much to our fellowship.

Any member of our church, including our men, are welcome to attend. Brief circle meetings will conclude our program.

Katherine Floyd, President





From the Pastor . . . Spiritual Nourishment

When we refuse air, light and food, the body suffers. And when we turn away from meditation and prayer, we likewise deprive our minds, our emotions and our intuitions of vitality needed support. As the body can fail its purpose for lack of nourishment, so can the soul!

-Alcoholics Anonymous



On Sunday, September 28, 1997 our Board of Christian Education is helping us take a bold step into the future by inviting us to participate in some soul nourishment. Yes, there will be a picnic providing food for the body. More important, however, we are challenged to seek soul nourishment for ourselves and others by making a new commitment to Christian Education. Christian Education is the core of all that we do in worship, mission, evangelism and more. Christian Education calls us to be wholistic and holistic in the practice of our faith. As the A.A. quote suggests, we need the spiritual nurture for the soul in order to grasp the fullness of our joy in Christ!

The number of unchurched folk in this country continues to rise. The number of children and adults who have no understanding of the Good News is astounding. Our society is beginning to feel the dehydration of its soul! Like the human body, the community needs the spiritual support and balance in order to function at its best. To be deprived of that vital ingredient too long brings danger and ultimately death. A simple intravenous solution or large amount of fluids can bring the human body's electrolytes back to a normal range and restore the person. In the case of spiritual dehydration, the solution is not as simple.

Within the church family the syndrome becomes more and more apparent. A good Baptist friend bemoaned the fact that in his tradition people no longer shouted the "Amens" of spiritual support in worship. He said to me, "My fellow worshippers are all dried up in the Spirit!" In our own community the syndrome shows in our apathy and our settling for mediocrity. Voices declare the sad news: "Christian Education is only for the Children and Youth!" "Christian Education is designed for the Old who have nothing better to do with their time!" "Christian Education is the job of the parents who have children in Sunday School or Youth programs" "Christian Education is nice, but I am too busy/too tired/too smart/too sophisticated for such things!"

As a result it becomes more and more difficult for us as we dry up on the vine to claim the Gospel message as our own in daily life. We become generations of Biblical illiterates and spiritual wastelands. What happens in the world around us is directly related to our spiritual dehydration.

It is time for all of us to drink in the life sustaining fluid Jesus Christ offers us in himself. It is time for us to make commitments to the worship, mission and evangelism of this church. If you do not attend one of the learning opportunities this church offers, consider making a commitment to one or more! If you know of families or individuals who are not getting spiritual nourishment, invite them to come with you to worship,

Sunday School, Bible Study, Fellowship . . . whatever. Be here and make an effort to bring folks to join us for the special events planned for September 28.

Spiritual nourishment is offered.

Come and be fed.

Come and drink in the blessings of God through Christ.

Come be restored and energized.

Your soul is hungry and thirsty!

Prayerfully,

Our



Carey

Sharp-minded and quick witted she laughed and teased Awakening another's smile and extending her spirit and grace Fashioning the memories which after death's visit would please Providing that everlasting vision of her soul-searching face.

Clearly devoted to God's truths and Christian learning and life Asking the questions, researching the answers, seeking the way Offering insights as soul-sister, friend, mother and loving wife She gave of herself to those blessed to know her in earthly days.

Struggling with the pain of the crumbling body and mind Reaching for solutions and fighting to keep spiritually free Looking to friends and loved ones who were loving and kind She tried to turn dark days to light, wanting more than just "to be."

Gently, peacefully, she said her farewell to the ones dearest and near Grasping a hand, blinking an eye, smiling and quietly listening Slipping gracefully into the arms of the One who overcomes fear Conquering the darkness and rejoicing in the light ever glistening.

Carey leaves behind memories of love and examples of God's grace And touches our lives with laughter, compassion and renewed faith.

> Dedicated to Carey Andes August 11, 1997 Arch Aitcheson

Katherine Floyd Is Named CWSC Woman Of The Year

The Church Women of Southern Conference have named Katherine Holmes Floyd of Elon College, NC, as their 1997 Woman of the Year. Mrs. Floyd was honored during General Synod at a banquet hosted by the UCC Coordinating Center for Women.

Ms. Floyd has actively served the church throughout her adult life. She has taught children's Sunday school, sung in the choir, served on missions boards, and currently is moderator-elect for Elon Community UCC. Recently she was commissioned into the Stephen Ministry which required 50 hours of special training. Stephen ministers are counselors who work in a religious context.

She has been president of her local women's fellowship, is secretary of the Church Women of Southern Conference, and has twice co-chaired Summer Conference. She also worked with the Alamance County Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, chairing its Family Nurturing committee.

She is married to the Rev. Dr. Emmett O. Floyd, interim Associate Conference Minister for Eastern North Carolina Association. She and Dr. Floyd have five children, including a set of twins, and ten grandchildren.

Members of CWSC honored Ms. Floyd with a corsage at their annual business meeting during Summer Conference in June. They also honored Margie Weavil of WNC and Doris Hartzog of EVA as "Woman of the Year" in their respective associations.



Katherine Floyd



Divine Security by Ruth Lommatzsch

Is there something troubling you, Or something that you cannot do? Why not let Him see you through? God's love never fails.

Is you heart bowed down with care, Suffering anguish or despair? Bring your troubles; leave them there. God's love never fails.

Put your trust in Him each day. He will take your cares away. Then you too will gladly say, God's love never fails.

ristian Education News...

IN THE BEGINNING.... Christian Education Sunday/RALLY DAY SEPT. 28, 1997

Its with growing children are in a unique position to reach out. Think about the and girls with whom your children play regularly. How many of them do not yet a church home to which they can go each Sunday morning?

their families to join your family at Sunday School for a wonderful time of fellowship learning together. As a follower of Jesus Christ, one of your commitments is to e the GOOD NEWS with others. What better place to begin!

beginning of a new Sunday School year is a fresh time for starting up a continuing ionship with Christian learning experiences. Engaging children in the discoveries can come when groups share together at church is a wonderful start for a year filled fun and fellowship.

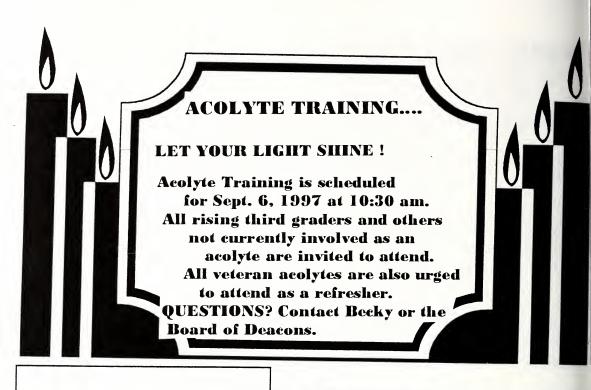
a minute with your children to figure out who you, as a family, might invite to to Sunday School with you on Sept. 28. It's an opportunity not to be missed!



umper Snickers

Thank God
I'm an atheist

Take My Advice. Don't Take Advice.



Apples Of Gold by Helen Kitchell Evans



Someone needs encouragement
To help them through their weary days;
Someone needs to hear "You can!",
To be assured with spoken praise.



Someone needs to know we're there
To give them strength in time of need;
Someone needs to know we care,
Are proud of them when they succeed.



Someone needs to hear "I Love You"

In the simple words we say;

Someone's life we might save with

Kindly words we speak today.



Breakfast Club Bible Study Rosumos

THE THURSDAY MORNING
BIBLE STUDY WILL START
A NEW SEMESTER ON
SEPTEMBER 11
FROM 7:30 TO 8:30 AM
IN THE GREGORY LIBRARY.
Coffee will be provided!
The class will begin the study of
SECOND THESSALONIANS!
The Breakfast Club Study is open
to the public!
Call 584-8147 if you have questions,
and ask for Arch!

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS FOR FVERYONE !

There is a Sunday School Class for everyone.... Begin your New Year by giving one a try!

Do you enjoy studying life issues with a discussion format on Sunday mornings? Try the Seekers Class which meets in Rm 101.

Do you enjoy Bible Study with a lecture format on Sunday mornings? Try the Adult Bible Class which meets in Rm. 206.

Would you like to be involved in a New Adult Class which is evolving that at present meets in the afternoon? Try the No Name Class which meets in the Library at 4:00 pm.

Do you have children (Toddlers -Fifth Grade) who need to learn about God and the unfailing love for us? Try one of these classes: Toddler/Preschool - Rm. 12 Kindergarten-Third Grade - Rm.8 Grades 4-5- Rm. 202 Youth(Gr.6-12) - Rm. 207

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Joe Seidita (c)MM

REMINDER TO PARENTS & OTHERS!

CHILD PICK-UP POLICY....

As Sunday School begins another year of learning for your children, please be reminded to pick-up your child/children promptly from Sunday School. Our teachers have been instructed to wait until a parent/guardian comes to the classroom to pick-up children. It is important that parents/guardians do so promptly (unless a child is staying for Extended Care during worship) to allow our teachers to get to worship on time.



YOUTH BOX



PLANNING SESSION FOR YOUT SEPT. 7, 1997 AT 1:30 PM IN THE YOUTH ROOM.

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT

MEETING TO PUT ACTIVITIES ON THE CALENDAR! YOU INPUT FOR YOUR PROGRAM IS VALUABLE. MAKE EVEN EFFORT TO ATTEND. ALL NEW SIXTH GRADERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

Hope to see you there!

"For of its very nature, the exercise of religion consists before all else in those internal, voluntary, and free acts whereby man sets the course of his life directly toward God. No merely human power can either command or prohibit acts of this kind."

From the Declaration on Religious Freedom promulgated during the Second Vatican Council 1965.



Worship schedule press one. Rectory press two. To confess sins press 3. To pray alone, hang up.

Leave-Ings

by Wayne Hepburn

In a final flash of glory Signifying growing old They turn to orange, red, or yellow; Some even to a lustrous gold.

Many wrinkle, dry, and shrinkle, Before becoming sickly brown Then like a host of tiny corpses Lose their grips; come floating down.

The tree who birthed them falls asleep. Naked now, she hunkers down To brave the ice and snows she knows Will be here soon, too soon And stay too long, too long.

Below the blanket o'er her feet Her leaves begin to decompose Into the elemental substance; Seep into the hungry soil And reach her roots to wait for Spring.

There wait to be absorbed once more And lifted high to branching tips, Burst forth anew in brilliant green; Born again in a new season, Never knowing that the reason Is the love from Him Unseen.

News from Bulgaria . . .

August 8, 1997 Dear Arch and all,

Hello! I just want to drop you a note to say THANK YOU so much for your constant support; it means a lot to my parents and me. I also would like to tell you that I love my assignment! I will be teaching at the Acad. Lyudwil Stoyarov Language School in Blagoevgrad, which is a fairly large city south of Sophia. I visited my site this weekend, and I like very much the city, the school, my director, and my counterpart. The school is thrilled to have a native speaker, and the staff is interested in exchanging teaching ideas and improving communication in the English Department. I will move to Blagoevgrad after I officially become a Peace Corps Volunteer on August 29th. I hope that all is well in the church family!

Love, Beverly Beyer

(c)WH1997

PLEASE NOTE: Our Church FAX number as of 8/26/97 will be: (910) 584-7963
Office Numbers will continue to be 584-0391 and 584-8147.
Mark these down for your use!



Picnic and Thursday Vesper Service Conlinues . . .

Perhaps you were not aware?

Every Thursday evening on the Church lawn there is a picnic!

Following a short meal there is an informal worship service!

The Thursday Evening Vespers program has continued through the Summer.

It will continue until September 18, 1997.

Why not join those who come for this midweek refresher?

Bring your bag or picnic supper at 6:30.

Worship begins at 7:00.

Continue to enjoy September's pretty weather!

{In the event of rain the event moves into the Parish House!}

Vomen's Regional Jeeting September 26-28

UCC Church Women of the Southern egion will meet September 26-28 at lowing Rock Assembly Grounds. The name for the meeting is "Strangers No tore," and special speakers include the ev. Diane Snowa of Suffolk, VA, the Rev. oey Power of the Coordinating Center for vomen, and the Rev. Steve Nunn-Miller of the Board for Homeland Ministries.

Other features include dynamic workhops, tours of the area, a silent auction, the wl's Nest Bookstore, SERRV handcrafts, nd much fellowship.

Costs for the weekend range from \$98.50 \$122.00 and include registration, lodging nd meals. The deadline for registration is ugust 29, and space is quickly dwindling. or more information, contact registrar hirley Eley, 4733 Manning Road, Suffolk, 'A 23437 or call 757-986-4174.

The Southern Region includes Florida, outh Central, Southeast, and Southern onferences



THE PRESCHOOL COMMITTEE QUICKLY SPLIT—
THE CARROTS AND FRUIT JUICE FACTION ON
ONE SIDE, THE GRAHAM CRACKERS AND
PUNCH ADVOCATES ON THE OTHER.

SUBMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REYENUE AND EXPENSES KLON COLLKGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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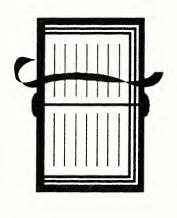
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EVANGELISM BOARD NEWS

GATHERING GROUPS

Join us for the 1997-98 reorganization of these wonderful small fellowship groups! We had so much fun last year! Fill out the information below if you'd like to continue in Gathering Groups or if you want to join!

Name: Phone:	
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NEW MEMBERS' EVENT

If you joined the church in the past year the Board will be sending you an invitation to join them at our Christian Education Sunday Picnic on September 28. Put it on your calendar today! A note will be coming in the mail soon!

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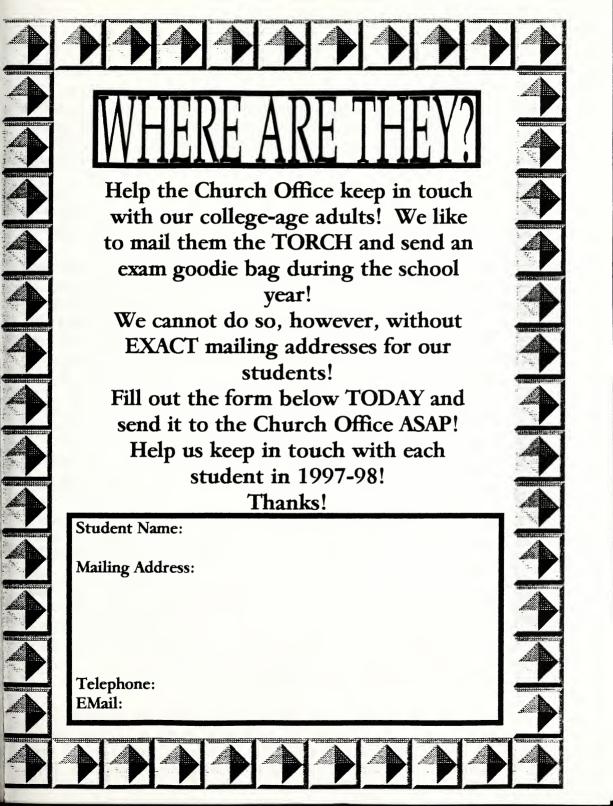
Thanks to all the movers and shakers, hosts and hostesses, and friends who made the 1997 Football Sunday such a wonderful experience. We had a great time with the team and each other!

Evangelism Board Shirley Beyer, Chair

Jimma Causey Earl Danieley
Patsy Jourdan Christy Ruth
Kim Perry Emily Woody
Linda Raker Mike Gregory







About 7 or 8 years ago, John and Susan Hemphill led our church into a ministry which they saw the need for, because of their own son, Max. The Hemphills knew other autistic and retarded kids (5 and 6 years old at that time), and they knew their parents who couldn't go out to dinner, couldn't go to the movies or get together with adult friends because it was so complicated and expensive to get baby-sitters for even occasional evenings out.

Let me tell you who these kids are: Two of them are twin boys with Downs Syndrome---six years old when our "Special Fridays" program began, now big roughhousing good-natured 14 year olds.

Two others are a 12 year old brother and 15 year old sister who are both autistic. They seem to have too much internal stimulation inside their heads so they can't sort out normal conversation and communication-either receiving it or expressing themselves. I'm told that the father of these two siblings just couldn't handle it when the second child was born-and just up and left the mom and the kids. The happy news is that a wonderful man met and married this mother and is committed to these children.

Then there are three or four other autistic boys, ages 13-15, who have been coming to Special Fridays ever since they were little. One of them is still Max Hemphill.

The kids really like it. One parent tells me her son points at our church everytime his Mom happens to drive by and wants to come in right then. In the first years, these kids played with the children of our congregation, supervised by parents of our congregation. More recently, three or four members of our youth group play with them (Marie and Kim Acquilano, Lydia Troxler and Jennifer Day)--and in addition, a rotating group of male and female college students help out. The Hillel group at the college has made "Special Fridays" a project -- and so have members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, whom Arch has involved. What these special kids enjoy is not too different from what many 14 year olds like---attention from older teenagers--laughter and roughhousing from the big college boys and smiling recognition from the girls.

The one thing we need which we <u>don't</u> have is a small but dependable group of adult church members to take the responsibility for supervising the group on the first Friday of every month. Laura Chatfield is our only regular dependable adult, and she's especially wonderful because of her

experience as an occupational therapist with handicapped children. Laura comes with her two boys who seem to have a great time. BUT we need more adults—three or four more who could rotate every other month,—adults who get to know the kids and their parents.....who get to know the college students and can call them every month to see who can come and who can't......who open up the Parish House on Special Fridays and make sure there's a phone there, and that the kids are safe.....who supervise and organize.

Let me describe how satisfying this is: these are very loving and committed parents--not complaining--parents who enjoy their children, even the ways in which their kids are different. These are parents who have come to terms with the initial shock of having children with birth defects--a shock which we can identify with because it could have come to any of us. These are parents who are limited in what they can do alone together...... Whenever Dad is home from work, the kids are home from school. It's not easy to find baby sitters. And some of these families have severe financial stresses.

BUT when these parents thank us, it's in terms of how much the kids enjoy it because, like all parents, they want their kids to have good things to look forward to.

got initially involved out of empathy for the parents--but the warm eeling I get on Special Fridays comes from the kids. They're affectionate and enthusiastic--they tease--they're responsive.

f you can volunteer to call and remind our youth and the college students nce a month, and if you can come on one Friday evening a month at 7 pm, ith your own children.....even if you can help every other month-let rch know that you can help. You'll find it very rewarding!

-- Ellie Ketcham

Women's Fellowship News . . .

General Meeting

SEPTEMBER 8, 1997 7:00pm Parish House

Everyone is invited to join with us in welcoming the Reverend Katrina Shermer, a seminary student intern from Germany. She has been at Mount Hope U.C.C. in Guilford County and is returning to Germany soon to begin a new assignment there.

Brief Circle Meetings will follow the program!

Castorn North Carolina Church Women . . .

SEPTEMBER 13, 1997 9:30AM Franklinton Center U.C.C.

The Church Women of Eastern North Carolina will hold their "Fall Enrichment Program" on Saturday, September 13 at the Franklinton Center in Franklinton, NC. The program will feature CILE WELBORN who will speak to the group about the ecumenical mission if Brazil. The day will begin with a 9:30 registration. Contact Katherine Floyd if you would like to attend.

Church Women United . . .

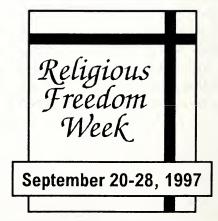
SEPTEMBER 12, 1997 9:30AM

Macedonia Lutheran Church Front St., Burlington NC

Church Women United of Alamance County will conduct their annual Bible Study program on Friday, September 12 at 9:30am. Dr. James H. Pace of the Elon College Department of Religion will lead the study of Amos. Plan to attend this most interesting study. You will truly be blessed by it!



articles submitted by Katherine Floyd



Fraying for others . . .

Our prayer chain is a group of persons, like you, who commit themselves to praying every day for the people whose names are submitted to us with permission for the list you see in the bulletin and a few more who ask not to be printed. Some of you will ask me, "Who is so and so on the prayer list?" Others will ask, "Why do we pray for people so far away who are not related to our church family?"

If I am vague about the person and the details of their request, it is because we want to protect the integrity of our prayer process and the privacy of the individual or family. That is a ground rule for the process. The prayer chain is not a gossip line or the "late breaking news." It is a spiritual prayer process to which you are invited.

Why pray for those we do not know? The notes and letter below may speak to that issue. The first is from my little friend Katie, whose mother is the Executive Director of Healing the Children Midlantic. Katie was diagnosed with cancer last year . . . and her mother asked us

to pray for healing

Hi:

You remember me, Katie, the girl with long black hair. I look a little different now and my mom tells me I look cute.

Back in January, I was not feeling that great and then I fell. The doctors said I had a compression fracture of the spine. I had to go to Babies Hospital in New York by ambulance where I spent 16 days.

They did all kinds of tests and finally they told my mom and dad that I had cancer called Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

My chemo started immediately at St. Joseph's Hospital in Paterson (NJ). I got very sick and when my hair fell out I became depressed.

My parents were always with me and I kept asking my Mom if I was going to die. Sometimes I was so sick that I didn't believe her when she said no.

When you don't feel well and you can't see any of your friends, time seems to go on forever. I had nothing to look forward to except my mail.

After work Dad would come to the hospital with the presents that people mailed to our home. Stacks of cards from classmates and kids I didn't even know. It was the bright part of my day. Not a day passed that someone didn't send a card.

I had the last of my chemo in June and my broviac (that is a central line that was put in my chest for me to get my chemo) was taken out in July. The doctors say I am in remission and I can go back to school in September! I feel good now, my hair is like peach fuzz finally starting to grow, and I am eating again. I just want everyone to know how happy it made me when so many people continued to remember me when I was so sick. The cards, presents, visitors and prayers helped to make me better!

Thank vou.. Katie Dudziec





Robert Timms

My Uncle Bob was on our prayer list for the past year. He had a cancerous lung removed a year ago. After treatment he discovered that he was also suffering from prostate cancer. More treatments. In recent weeks he was declared a survivor of two of the most deadly cancers in men.

He knows that God and the prayers of many have been his strength and are the reason for his healing.

Arch Aitcheson



Come join us!

Chancel Choir rehearsals happen each Wednesday, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Handbell Rehearsals begin September 21.

Chancel Ringers I

Sun., 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Chancel Ringers II

Sun., 7:00-8:00 p.m.





world of TERRIFIC THURSDAYS!

TERRIFIC THURSDAYS BEGINS SEPT.11, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Activities, Crafts, & Service

For children K - 5th grade Snacks included!



SERVICE FAIRE AFTERTHOUGHTS a.k. a. "Who got whose . . . "
1997

HIGH BID SECTION

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# 1	M BRANNOCK Lemon Pound Cake	Bill Jones	\$23.00
# 2	K.FLOYD Devil's Food Cake	Dave Turnage	\$15.00
# 3	L. BENSEN Cheese Cake	Carole Troxler	\$30.00
# 4	L.BOST (cake)	Barry Raker	\$25.00
# 5	E. WILLARD Brownies	Christy Ruth	\$12.00
# 6	M.BRANNOCK Petit Fours	Teenie Birchfield	\$16.00
# 7	E. BRANNOCK Applesause Puffs	Laura Chatfield	\$16.00
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		Jane Rinker	\$ 3.00
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#15	L. CHATFIELD Amish Bread	Tony Campione	\$10.00
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#17	M. BRANNOCK Poutter Treats	Dave Turnage	\$10.00
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#37	S. BARBEE Chair Caning	Bernice Harclerode	\$60.00
#38	J.SCOTT Typwriter	Bob White	\$ 5.00
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		Phyllis Young
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Opportunities for Service it our Sunday Services **Flowers for September**

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8 Mr. and Mrs. Stan Willard

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Claire Welborn and Zach Welborn

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Stan and Estelle Willard

Mike and Janet Mayse

Susan Brown and Roberta Starr

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Jim and Lorene Lyon

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Lou Harper and Meg Wilkins

Mary and Bill Ruth

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Sherrie and Keith Linton

Lynn and Lesli Denny

Helen and Bill Rippy

Wally and Nell Snyder

HURCH ATTENDANCE FOR

EPTEMBER

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OUR SYMPATHY TO...

+ Wes and Jane Alexander and family in the death of Jane's father, Mr. Howell Harrision on August 1, 1997.

+ Dr. Bill Andes and family in the death of Mrs. Carey E. Andes on August 7, 1997.

+ Carolyn Messick and family in the death of her mother.

+ Dr. and Mrs. Emmett Floyd in the death of their nephew, Craven Floyd.

The family of Carey E. Andes wishes to express gratitude to friends near and far for the many acts of kindness shown during the long illness and the recent death of our wife and mother. Your thoughtfulness and loving care were sources of strength and joy during these difficult times.

May God bless each of you.

William J. Andes (husband) David Krueger-Andes (son)



If you are placing flowers in sanctuary and do not wish to use them yourself, please let the church office know so they can be shared with some of our shut-ins, sick, etc.

Thank you for your cooperation!



What should our church do this year to be here and thriving in the year 2027?



"And we're reinforcing all the back pews because we know a lot of people prefer to sit there."

Paul Burton (c)MMI



"Amazing! The Dead Sea scrolls are actually an ancient computer printout."

Brundige (c)MMI

AS in LIFE, the young grow and the OLD SHRINK!



Many new missions founded since 1965, reporte average worship attendar of well over seven hundre

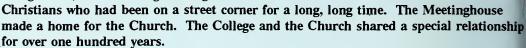
- FRIAR JUCK.



From the Pastor . . .

The Same Old Story

Once upon a time in a pretty, bustling college town, there was a gathering of



The College grew and the Church did, too. Changes in the community brought more growth for the college. Changes in people's needs and outlook caused the numbers in the Church to decline.

The gathering of Christians was confused. Reasons for the decline and the change had to be sought out!

Some blamed the pastors. Others blamed the lay leaders ("After all it was the same people all the time who took the offices!") Still more blamed the looks of the facility, the lack of parking, the color of the carpet, the kind of hymns sung at worship, the coolness (or abundant heat . . .) of the sanctuary, the lack of sports programs and the failure to have Christmas parties.

Certainly, these things were true! Why there had not been a Golfing for God Team or a Jumping for Jesus Aerobics Class in years!

There sat the Meeting house in the midst of a fast growing community.

Then one day one member decided to change things.

(No, he didn't run to another Meetinghouse!)

He agreed to serve as a leader.

He sought out ways to invite others to join the wonderful friends he had made at church.

He increased his pledge to support ALL the ministries.

He made a commitment to be aware of all ages of people in attendance and to listen for ways to make others feel welcome.

He prayed for the church staff and the other leaders every day.

He encouraged others to come with him to worship and study.

Others saw what he was doing and volunteered to help start new classes, provide new programs, and to share new talents.

Things began to change.

And the Gathering of Christians began to grow . . . one by one . . . slow but sure.

Soon the beautiful, bustling College and the Gathering of Christians began to rejoice in being together! Each learned with the other and a new kind of growth took place as young and old experienced God's love.

The Beginning.

Nice story.

Could be Elon College Community Church.

Could be if you are that special person who might decide to change things.

There is no end to the story or possibility of growth in Christ if you are that person!

Our Beginning.

See

Books, Tapes available

Walk into the Gregory Library at the door closest to the Church Office and turn to your immediate left. There you will find shelves of new books, worship tapes, and the tape series <u>Just As I Am</u>, as read by Cliff Barrows.

These are for you! Use them!

If you have a book with a particularly good spiritual message, bring it to the office to be shared with others. Books look nice on shelves in our libraries, but they serve well when they are read!

Church Council Meets . . .

October 12, 1997

CHURCH NIGHT 8:00 p.m. After Board Meetings

Mark your calendar!

Heaven is full of answers to prayers for which no one ever bothered to ask.

—Billy Graham

From Becky's Desk....

Excitement -- it's that all over tingling feeling one gets when good things are on the horizon -- is how I feel about the youth ministry program here at Elon College Community Church. I experience this feeling every time I spend time with the exceptional young people who are part of our church.

This year the group has decided to undertake a great challenge and they will need all our love and support to accomplish their goal. This group of youth has decided to pursue going on a Mission Work Project during the summer of 1998. There will be an application to fill out, tools to collect, a study course to complete, and funds to be raised. There will need to be adults willing to travel with us, and there will be vehicles to rent or borrow for our trip. These youth will need your prayers to uphold them throughout this year as we plan and proceed with every aspect of this mission to make it a success.

I have journeyed with groups to four such Work Projects. Each one was different; each experience eye-opening for the youth, the adults, and me. Each one was a faith-lifting experience, a community-building experience, a "mountain-top" experience.

I hope you will join with our youth in this undertaking. When you see them in the halls of the church, tell them how great you think this is; when you see the posters and ads for calendar sales, a Christmas ornament sale, and Bake sales -- please support them financially. Tell them you are praying for them each and every day as they face the challenges of juggling school, activities, church, and faith.

In Christ.

"Come, you that are blessed by my Father! Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world. I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me."

Matthew 25: 34 - 36



Stephen Ministry Corner . . .

What is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is grounded in Jesus' command to love one another. Through one-to-one caring relationships, those who are hurting receive the love and care they need to support them.

Everyone goes through difficult times. Having someone to care, to listen, to share God's love with you can help you get through the confusion, stress or loneliness you may be experiencing.





What is a Stephen Minister? A Stephen minister is . . .

- © a child of God who walks beside a hurting person;
- © a caring Christian friend who really listens;
- © a lay person who has received 50 hours of training in how to provide distinctively Christian Care.

A Stephen Minister is not . . .

- @ a counselor or therapist;
- © a problem solver:
- @ a casual visitor;
- a home-health aide.

Stephen Ministry helps meet the needs of individuals who are . . .

hospitalized

terminally ill

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in a job crisis

new members of the Church

disabled

lonely

homebound

in a spiritual crisis

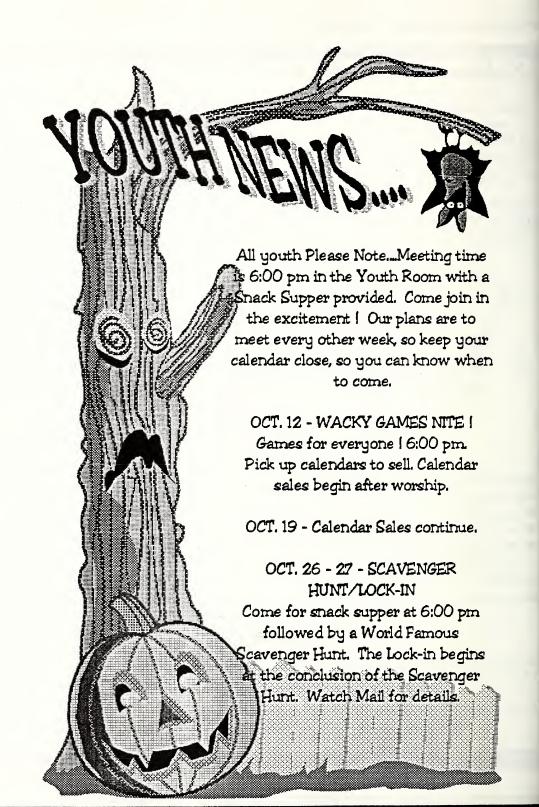
looking for a caring, Christian friend.

Consider allowing a Stephen Minister to walk with you on your journey to wholeness!

Contact Arch Aitcheson, Becky Peeler, Beth Schmidt or Beth Wilkins Church Office Phone 584-8147

If you'd like to be a Stephen Minister speak with Arch!

Stephen Ministry



Trustee Torch Tintinnabulation

Reported by Bill Ellis



Because of the importance of the items discussed and acted upon, the September 14th meeting of the Elon College Community Church Board of Trustees was an unusually 1 e n g t h y one.

In particular, the Board studied a detailed analysis of the Church's revenues and expenses for the past nine months, and followed this with budgetary proposals for 1998. These items related to Board of Trustees responsibilities, such as, needs for the physical plant, office supplies, stewardship supplies, van expenses, and the general financial details of taxes, insurance and interest.

Other items of attention were as follows:

The Church received an OK on the fire inspection and boiler inspection.

The Board approved the replacement of the windshield on the Church Van, which had suffered damage from a flying rock. (No, it was not an opossum or a snake!)

Service calls were dealt with re: a boiler room leak, sanctuary attic cleanup, and air conditioning thermostats.

♦Bill Linde reported that bushes around the Church have been trimmed.

Trustees congratulate our two Building Superintendents for the following:

- **▶** Biff Brafford for the fine stained wood banister work at the entrance to the Parish House:
- → Harvey Hook for earning the Snake-Handler of the Year award. (Just ask Diane Jones for the slithering details!)

▶ Contact has been made with the County Parks and Recreation Service regarding new safety requirements for our playground.

▶ Church Office telephone lines have been augmented, resulting in much improved service at the Church Office.

The Board approved the use of the lower level classrooms by Girl Scout Programs on Monday nights. This marks the return of programs from Elon Elementary School.

A great deal of time was spent examining the construction of the Chancel Area back wall to determine if it is possible to install a stained glass memorial window. Action has been tabled until a structural report can be obtained.

LATE BREAKING NEWS:

♦A drum roll for Delma Cummings and Town Animal Control people who removed the opossum from the Parish House basement! The Staff suggests to the Fun/Fund Raising Committee that we charge admission to our branch of the N.C. Zoological Park!



The Missions Committee has been asked by the Southern Conference of UCC to advise the congregation that the Johns River Valley Camp is seeking donations towards it mission.

JRVC Mission Statement:

Johns River Valley Camp seeks to provide, in an outdoor setting, opportunities for persons to experience the presence of God, to discover personal wholeness, and to participate in Christian community.

Donations should be mailed directly to Johns River and not made out to the church.

The address to send your contribution:

Johns River Valley Camp 1055 Niley Cook Road Blowing Rock, NC 28605



HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR 1998 CALENDAR?

IF you answered NO -- then wait for the Youth Fellowship's Calendar Sale on Oct. 12 & 19 in the Narthex of the church. Calendars will sell for \$6.00. These calendars are beautiful to look at, and useful in organizing your schedule. Each week has a specially selected Scripture verse for meditation. Proceeds from the sale will go to support the Mission Project and other activities of the Elon College Community Church Youth.

ATTN: 4TH AND 5TH GRADERS

FIRST MEETING OF "JUNIOR" YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Please plan to attend a meeting on October 26, 1997 at the home of Robin and Mike Gregory. We are planning a Halloween Party. th and 5th graders, along with their parents, are invited. We will be ending invitations to homes during the following weeks. Ideas for the Juniors" Youth Fellowship have been:

Pizza Blasts
Hay Rides
Traveling Meals
Bingo
Putt-Putt

lease watch for future news!

obin and Mike Gregory 84-3088



In Sympathy . . .

Our love and sympathy go out to the families of Mrs. Grace I. Rich who died on Saturday, September 20. 1997 in Burlington. Her daughter Wilma Williamson and her son, Floyd Rich, are members of the church. Donations can be made in Mrs. Rich's memory to Hospice.

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Σ		9	10:30 Circle 1 7FM Cub Scoute & Girl Scoute 7FM Circle II	13	Church Office Closed 7PM Scout Programs
S		5	9:45AM Sun. School 11 AM Worship Holy Communion Noon - Confirmation 7FM R.C. Mass Chancel Bells	12	Honecoming! 9:45 S. Sch. 11 am Worship Noon: Luncheon 5 PM Bells

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COMING TO A NARTHEX NEAR YOU

IS A CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT OF THE CHURCH!

This will be a beautiful collectible addition to any tree this Christmas. All proceeds from the sale will go to support the Mission Work Project and other activities of the Elon College Community Church Youth.

College Study Class
SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST MEETING
9:45 A.M. PARISH HOUSE
ARCH AITCHESON, TEACHER

TEXT: In the Grip of Grace by Max Lucado

The class is open to any college-age or older young adult who wor like the challenge of Dr. Lucado's work. The book provides study help Max leads us in down-to-earth-terms to a renewed understanding of the of grace.

Come join us and bring a friend!

Grace means you don't have to run anymore!

It's the truth.

Grace means it's finally safe to turn ourselves in!

-Max Lucado

ELON COLLEGE COMBONITY CHORCE SUMMARIZED ANALYSIS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

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NT	CORRENT MONTE (THIS YEAR)	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE	OVER(+) BUDGET - YEAR		YEAR TO DATE (LAST YEAR)
INCOME	14,365.30	128,845.93	126, 495, 28	2,448.65+	189,608.00	114.772.77
BENTAL INCOME	3, 125.90	9,307.06	8, 100.00	1,207.06+	12, 150,00	6,175,00
OFFICE INCOME	.98	8.50	.88	8.50+	.88	.00
SALES TAX REPUND	306.64	1,198.75	733.36	8.5 0 + 465.39+	1,100.00	367.34
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GENERAL REPUNDS	.98	.00		.00		.00
SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIP	38.88	579.41	.98	579.41+	.08	3,947.99
Interest				256.15+	500.00	
Misc. Income Accts	180.00	2,632.50	.88	2,632.50+	. 98	1,348.76
INCOME		143, 161.66	135,605.36	7,556.30+		
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CONGRATULATIONS !!!!

This year the Youth Fellowship group has elected officers. The new Executive Council consists of:

PRESIDENT: Lydia Troxler

VICE-PRESIDENT: Matthew Woody

SECRETARY: Katy Grosse

FUND-RAISER CHAIRPERSON/TREASURER: Meg Wilkins

PHOTOGRAPHER/HISTORIAN: Jeff

Wilkins

YOUTH ADVISOR: Lesli Denny

Thank you to Marie Wilkins whose behind the scenes help is greatly

appreciated.



"SORRY. I'M AFRAID OUR POLICY AGAINST USING LITURGICAL DANCE WOULD ALSO APPLY TO LITURGICAL AEROBICS."

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OCTOBER 13, 19



Mr. and Mrs. Allan Zagrodnik
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Catherine Beatrice

to

Mr. Brian Thomas Rose r Saturday, the eighteenth of October

Nineteen hundred and ninety-seven at twelve o'clock

ur Lady of Grace Catholic Church

Greensboro, North Carolina



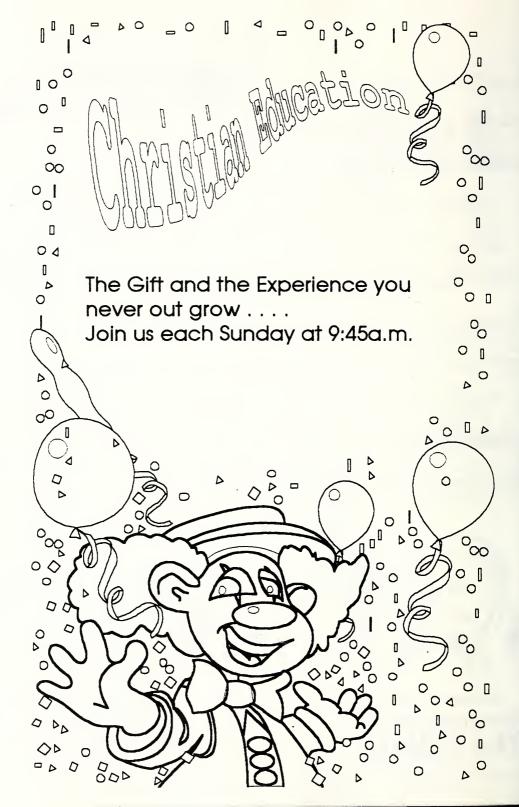


Reception
immediately following ceremony
Peace United Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall



October 1, 1997
International Day For
The Elderly





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Give to Neighbors
in Need

1997 NEIGHBORS IN NEED A story from your Global Ministries...

"... you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." -- John 8:32 (NRSV)

THE CHURCH IN HONG KONG/CHINA

Judy Chan, who works with the Hong Kong Christian Council, has been a keen observer of life in Hong Kong since well before the territory's turnover to China in July. While opinion about Hong Kong's future from the outside has been overwhelmingly negative, she finds much reason for hope in reflecting on the state of the Hong Kong church. Because the church has been growing about 7% annually for the past 10 years, the number of Christians in Hong Kong has not dropped in spite of substantial losses of both senior members and pastors to overseas emigration.

Church enthusiasm and commitment are very high, Judy said, with evangelism and pastoral care taking place at every level, and seminaries are expanding. Some of the facilities and operations of Christian organizations in Hong Kong "are among the best in the world." The church in Hong Kong possesses "an extraordinary amount of power and wealth," and although Christians number no more than 10% of the population, their influence is much greater -especially in the running of schools, social service centers and hospitals, which are 80\% subsidized by the government. Two appropriate questions are, will the church be allowed to continue managing these institutions under such favorable conditions, and, since churches hold many meetings in such public facilities, will they be allowed to continue that practice. In addition, church groups are accustomed to being consulted or making statements on issues affecting public policy and the livelihood of the people. Will this continue?

Many church bodies, including the Hong Kong Christian Council, are already working cooperatively with mainland Chinese Christians. Judy requests continued prayer for churches in China, as well as Hong Kong, while the two systems of the one country try to understand and appreciate each other more fully.

You make the difference .

The prayers and help you provide through your local congregation make possible the work and witness of GLOBAL MINISTRIES, which is supported by Basic Mission Finance of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) of the United Church of Christ.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

September 1997

Opportunities for Service at our Sunday Services Flowers for October

05 Mr. and Mrs. James Starr

12 Kay Hughes Elder Family

19 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Liscum

26 Mr. and Mrs. William Barbee

Ushers for October

05 Earl Parker, Mike Mayse, Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley

12 Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Tommy Oakley, Stan Willard

19 Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, Bill Beyer, Richard Orsvath

26 Dick Rinker, George Troxler, Bill Linde

Acolytes for October

05 Jeff Wilkins and Anna Wilkins

12 David Brown and Megan Brown

19 Rebecca Perry and Susan Heinzerling

26 Christine Fogleman and Robert Danieley

Greeters for October

05 Virginia Jeffreys and Jimma Causey

12 Martin and Edith Shotzberger

19 Ralph and Patsy Jourdan

26 Steve and Kim Perry

Nursery for October

05 Cary and Jackie Matlock

12 Maxine and Miranda Rich

19 Olga Griswold and Cile Welborn

26 Eric and Melodie Allshouse

Second Hour Child Care for October

05 Sue Brown and Lydia Troxler

12 Gayland Welborn and Mark Danieley

19 Bill Linde and Katherine Floyd

26 Jean and Bill Motley

CHURCH ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER

Aug. 31 - 123

Sept. 07 -156

Sept. 14 -150

Sept. 21 - 8:30 a.m. - 140

11:00 a.m. - 333

OUR SYMPATHY TO...

+ George and Carol Oakley and family in the death of Carol's mother, Mrs. Annie Kellam on September 16, 1997.

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Special
Thanks

Wes and I express our thanks to the pastor and other members of the church family for the calls, cards, and other expressions of sympathy at the recent death of my father. We are most grateful for your love and support.

Jane Alexander

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CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Susan and Joe Hanley on the birth of a son, John Ryan Hanley born on August 28, 1997. The proud grandparents are Gertrude and Charlie Liscum.

© The Mission Board would like to congratulate our church on raising \$60.00 for the Alamance Rescue Mission. This money will pay for 1/3 of a day of operations for the Missions.



If you are placing flowers in sanctuary and do not wish to use them yourself, please let the church office know so they can be shared with some of our shut-ins, sick, etc.

Thank you for your cooperation!

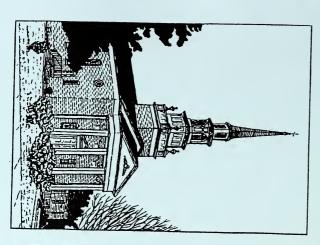
have found the paradox that if I love until it hurts, then there is no more hurt, but only some love.

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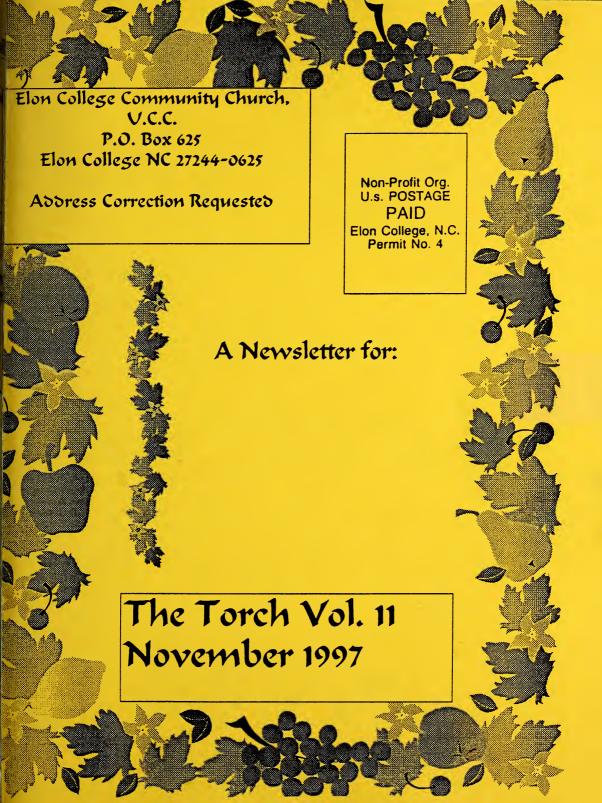
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The Torch

Newsletter for:







Pastor's Reflection

It is that time of year again.

No, not Thanksgiving time . . . although it should be! It is "STEWARDSHIP TIME".

It shouldn't be.

Why?

Stewardship is not a "time in the year".

Stewardship is a lifetime activity.

That's right!

It is not a time for begging, haggling, or twisting arms to get a few meager gifts out of people to keep a good thing going.

Stewardship is the natural, thankful, feel-good response of people who are serious about what they believe!

Rev. Bill Simpson of Front Street United Methodist Church in his recent newsletter article tells the following story:

A patient at a tuberculosis sanitarium in Holliston, CA, separated from his family, unable to work, wrote a friend to say he had decided to begin tithing. When asked why, he stated, "I never realized until now how good God had been to me and to my family. I took it all for granted. But I have seen the loving Father through friends and healing power. This is the right time!"

The right time.

That is what it is!

Stewardship is the act of realizing how good God has been with each of us and the act of accepting responsibility for extending those blessings to others in the work of Jesus Christ in the church and in our lives!

As Jim Kidd from Asylum Church UCC in Hartford, CT once said. "We are told to give until it hurts. In Christ we are called to give until it feels good!"

It is that time.

It is time for you to seriously face God through Christ and present your pledge to be a steward of the blessings of life!

That is Thanks-giving!

Prayorfully,

Arch

Pastor and Teacher



From Becky's Desk....

"An Open Letter To Sunday School Teachers"

There's always room for more people to be involved in the Teaching Ministry of this church. Waiting lists of people wanting to teach Sunday School or be involved with Youth Ministry would be welcome. Whenever I recruit persons to teach Children and Youth Sunday School, I always hear these words, "I'm not a Bible scholar; I don't know enough about the Bible to teach." My response to these persons has been, "Do you love Jesus Christ?"; "Do you love children and youth? These are the qualifications you need."

So, teachers, this letter is for you! It is an excerpt from <u>Church Educator</u> by Warren Keating.

"....you need to know that I cannot for the life of me remember one lesson by heart in all my 18 years of going to Sunday School. Because you need to know what I DO remember....Mrs. Gum in preschool and her smile, the way she helped us pick lilacs for our parents and made them into what we thought were beautiful bouquets. Mrs. Schuetz and her 'right foot' in, Hokey Pokey antics and welcoming us to come be a part. Mr. Harders....we were the 6th grade boys class who met in a far away room and he always said, 'So what do you boys want to talk about? I've got a lesson here and we'll get to it sooner or later, but right now I bet you've got some stuff on your mind.' Did we....baseball, cars, school, and oh, yes....girls. And another Mrs. Gum who taught us anything was possible, even raising money for a church bell or getting offerings together to help a missionary she knew. It opened up a whole new world for a bunch of land-locked Kansas kids.

Why do you need to hear this? Because I want you to relax. I would be the first to say lesson plans are important. I'd jump right in there and say craft time is a real opportunity. And I'd even say I love it when you all are 1/2 hour early and setting up all your 'stuff' that you are going to use in your classroom for this Sunday.

Why do you need to hear this? Because Teacher, it's the Holy Spirit in you that touches that child or youth. It's that look in your eyes that says, 'Welcome.' It's a touch, no matter how fleeting, that says 'I care for you.' When all the world seems squeezing in on that child, or teenager, it's you and the Spirit working in you that says, 'I love you and God loves you'. THANK YOU TEACHERS!"

In Christ,

Becky



ENTHUSIASM IS CONTAGIOUS

YOUTH BOX...

REMEMBER All Youth Meetings begin at 6:00 pm. A Snack Supper is provided.

NOVEMBER

NOV. 2 - Strange things have been happening in Wallar Hollar, and it's time we got to the bottom of it. To find out what's going on, we're holding a town meeting at Ya Gotta Eat Cafe. So come on down to our neck of the woods and find out what's been bothering folks around here. Plan to stay until



NOV. 16 - A VERY BUSY DAY FOR ALL OF YOU!

8:00 pm.

10:00 am - Set up for Bake Sale Set up for Christmas Ornament Sale

10:30 am - Begin Bake Sale Ornament Sale 12 noon - Complete Bake Sale

6:00 pm • Video Pizza Blast Plan to stay until 8:00



NOV. 23 - FOOD SCAVENGER HUNT

Help the Food Pantry get stocked before the winter months get here. We will travel to different areas to fill our lists. Adults are needed to drive. Plan to stay until 7:15 pm.



NOV. 30 - No Youth Fellowship! Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday.





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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

e is a tentative list of Gathering Groups for 1997-98. Please check the If you want to be listed and have not been, if you have been listed by take, or if you prefer to be in another group, please speak with Shirley er or Earl Danieley before the final list is posted. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE TWO NEW GROUPS - SOME PEOPLE HAVE BEEN MOVED FROM THE 1996-1997 UPS AND ASSIGNED TO THE NEW GROUPS. If you need a ride, someone in your up will be happy to provide it for you.

UP 1
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rl & Marsh McLelland
h Schmidt; Clara Noah
hleen Lankford
y & Bill Ruth
Acquilano

UP 3
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nita Loy; Florence Smith
et & Mike Mayse
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UP 5
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la Scott; Lois Luke
& Liz Bensen
h & Louis Wilkins

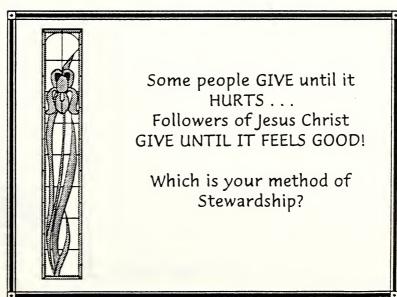
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en & Bill Rippy
rine & Steve Chappell
Richardson
neth Hall
ty & Roger King
ober 13, 1997

GROUP 2
Fran & Harvey Hook
Jeff & Marie Wilkins
Liz & Arch Aitcheson
Evelyn Terrell
Elizabeth & Earl Parker

Richard Orsvath

GROUP 4
Shirley & Bill Beyer
Jane Miller; Travis Pate
Dave Turnage
Betty Walker; Nina Matlock
Faye & Tom Conally
Carole & George Oakley

GROUP 6
Katharine & Emmett Floyd
Ethel & Tom Oakley
Cindy Benson
Christy & David Ruth
Eleanor & Paul Fairfield
Olga Griswold



Take advantage of the many wonderful musical opportunities at Elon College Community Church:

- Chancel Choir sings for Sunday and special worship services. Rehearsals on Wednesdays, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Open to adults, teens and college students.
- Chancel Ringers. Be part of a team that rings handbells. Rehearsals Sundays 5:30 6:30 p.m. We play in church several times during the year.
- Terrific Thursdays. Children through grade 5 enjoy singing, stories, arts and crafts and handbells each Thursday, 4 - 5:30 p.m. Perform in church about once a month.
- Instrumentalist? We could use flutes, brass and/or drums to accompany some of our music. Tell us who you are and we'll make those opportunities appear.

For more information, call the church office at 584-0391, or call the Music Team:

> Betty Dillashaw 538-0672 Rich Neubauer Liz Aitcheson

951-1593 449-5322 We look forward to having you as part of the excitement.

Friendship Bread

Would you like to volunteer to deliver a loaf of homemade bread to prospective church members?

A few good people are needed. Call the church office, 584-8147 or Kim Perry, 449-7668, if you would like to make an occasional delivery.

Help us show a friendly spirit as we welcome others into our church!



Trustee Torch Tintinnabulation

Reported by Bill Ellis

At the Board of Trustees meeting of October 12, 1997, two interesting items were discussed, as follows;

1. Southern Bell people are constructing a new facility on College Avenue, and need parking spaces for ten to fifteen vans and small trucks, and requested our church to provide these spaces on our parking area. In return the company will make a donation over six months of approximately \$1200.00.

Board members present felt that this request would be met in a positive

fashion.

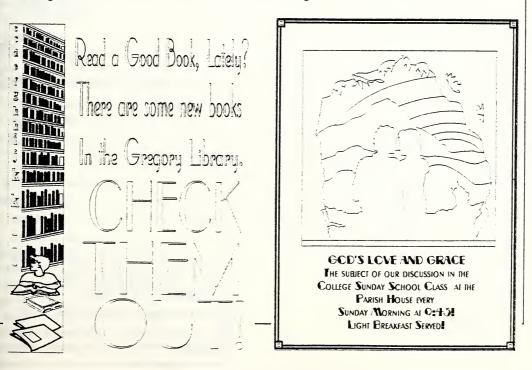
2. Concerning the badly needed painting of the exterior trim of the church, Mr. Jimmy Holmes has been asked to make an estimate for this work for consideration in the 1998 budget.

Mr. Holmes recommends painting in the near future or after the month of March,

cold weather application not being advisable.

Mr. Holmes also mentioned that his brother would be interested in bidding on a job to paint the steeple.

3. The Board also discussed the improvement of lighting at the end of the aisle leading out of the north end of the Educational Wing.



Exam Bags

It is time to receive contributions for college student exam bags again. The following items are needed:

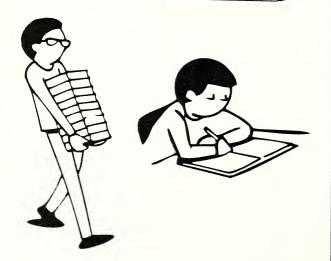
microwave popcorn, coffee packets, hot chocolate mix, tea bags, hard candy, post-it notes, postal cards(with the stamps), gum, packs of nabs, and HOMADE COOKIES.

We have storage so you may bring your contributions at any time.

Deadline for contributions: December 1.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: to help make up the bags on Sunday afternoon, December 7, at 3 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: to help deliver the bags Sunday evening, December 7, or during the day on December 8.







ADULTS to accompany
Youth on Work/Mission
Project in the summer of
1998. If you have ever
wanted to participate in a
Mission Project, here's your
opportunity and not have to
travel too far from home.
Join us for an experience you
will not soon forget!
GUARANTEED!
(Please don't make me beg!)
If interested, please talk to

Becky.

NGELS UNAWARE....



ometimes things are just apposed to happen the way they appen. On Rally Day, a cookout as planned to celebrate the aginning of Sunday School and ar Christian Education program. The second sec

the question arose....What does te do with 120 frozen umburgers? It was suggested to Il The Good Shepherd Kitchen.

he call was made and a gleeful tchen manager said, "You are uly a blessing to us. About a onth ago, our freezer quit and e lost what little bit of meat we id in there. This amount of food ill feed my lunch crowd for one eal. Thank you so much. You e truly a blessing."

erhaps the story in the New estament of the feeding of the ve thousand really does still appen. We all were fed. And the ft overs helped others to be lled.



Women's Fellowship Meetings

Circle #1 will meet at the church on Monday, November 3 at 10:30 A.M.

Circle #2 will meet at Jane Miller's home on Monday, November 3 at 7:30 P.M.

Circle #3 will meet at the church on Tuesday, November 4 at 7:00 P.M.

Church Women United of Burlington District will meet at Ebernezer United Church of Christ, 734 Apple Street, on Friday, November 7 at 10:00 A.M. The Reverend Larry Covington, pastor of Ebernezer U.C.C. will be the featured speaker on this "World Community Day" observance. Please meet in the Elon College U.C.C. Parish parking lot by 9:30 A.M. if you would like to attend. Call Frank Hook for more information.

MANGELS SONG

RESERVATION FORM
Household Name:
No. to attend:
Phone:

I (we) will bring:

A Large Pot of Soup
A Platter of
Sandwiches
A platter of cookies
A gallon of Iced
Tea/other drink
RETURN EX NOV. 16 TO THE

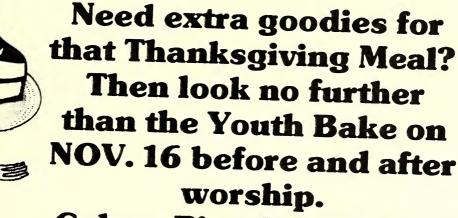
An Intergenerational ADVENT Experience. Come join us in a celebration of the first angel song song that announced Jesus' birth.

NOV. 30, 1997, 4:00-5:00 pm Community Building/Craft 5:00pm - 6:00 pm Soup/Sandwich Mo 6:00 pm - Worship RSVP by Nov. 16 to the church office



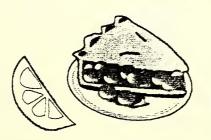
Join the new Adult
Sunday School Class
at 10:00 am which is
meeting in the
Gregory Library.
Study topic is "In the
Company of Angels".
Everyone is welcome!

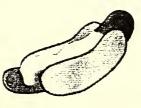


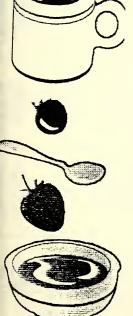


Cakes, Pies, Breads will be especially featured.

All proceeds go to support the Youth Mission Trip and other activities.



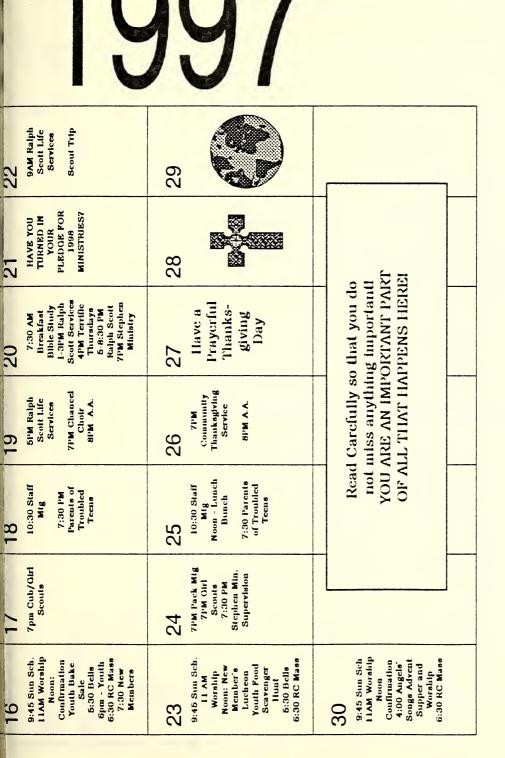




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Newly Formed Stewardship Committee

The 1997 Constitutional Changes called for the establishment of a new Church Council committee to oversee the process of stewardship education and development.

The Nominating Task Force of the Council is happy to report the following names of those who have accepted the call to serve:

Class of 1999 (2yrs.) Emmett O. Floyd Louis Wilkins Marsh McLelland Class of 1998 (1yr) Sara Dodson Dave Turnage

Emmett will begin his duties in January of 1998. Martin Shotzberger will serve in his place for the Fall Program.

Reported By:
Shirley Beyer
Church Council
Nominating Task Force

BUDGETS
Are more than Money . . .

BUDGETS
Are Statements of Faith!



BUDGETS
Are Means to Mission!



Make your pledge to support our Mission! Give 'til it feels good!
-The 1997 Stewardship Committee

A story from your Global 'Ministries ...

"We have heard a cry of panic, of terror, and no peace." - Jeremiah 30:5 (NRSV)

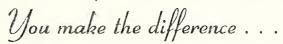
GOD IS ENOUGH

David and Karen Eubank, missionaries in Thailand, work with a hill tribe people known as the Wa, whose homeland is in the mountains of Burma. Because of religious persecution under a Burmese military dictatorship, more than half a million Wa refugees can be found living in the mountains of northern Thailand and in China. David and Karen, and David's parents Allan and Joan Eubank (missionaries in Thailand since the late 1950's), work with the Wa in the areas of evangelism, education and development. Up and down the Thai/Burma border, David is trying to foster unity between tribal peoples and the Burmese democratic opposition.

Leaders of all faiths as well as ethnic peoples in Burma suffer under the military's onslaughts. The torture, murder, enslavement of ethnic peoples and destruction of worship space that is on the increase throughout the impoverished country has brought continued outcries of injustice from Asia and worldwide about Burma's treatment of it's people. In ethnic areas, troops systematically rape and kill innocent civilians, including infants. Yet in the midst of tremendous suffering and loss, refugees at one village calmly told the Eubanks, "God is enough for us."

The Eubanks visit Wa villages and support the Wa Christian Fellowship in Chiang Mai, whose members are very active in support of an Old Testament translation project. This year the Eubanks have received reports of young people doing evangelism, and also from the Wa churches, of 1,400 new believers since January. Wa Old Testament translators visited a Wa clan prince who wants to be Christian, and they believe most of the 200 villages under him will follow.

Include refugees in Burma and Thailand and the Eubanks in your prayers.



The prayers and help you provide through your local congregation make possible the work and witness of GLOBAL MINISTRIES, which is supported by Basic Mission Finance of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) of the United Church

LOBAL MINISTRIES

October 1997

50 Year Plus Members Recognized October 12, 1997

Miss Winifred Barney Mrs. Lois Bost Mrs. Mary Louise Boyd Miss Edith Brannock Miss Madge Brannock Mr. William E. Butler, Jr. Mrs. Vera Dixon Mrs. Lucy Everett Mrs. Josie Huev Mrs. Gladys Hughes Mrs. Kathleen Lankford Mrs. Juanita Loy Mr. J. Mark McAdams Mrs. Norma Matlock Mrs. Clara Noah Miss Caroline Powell Dr. T. Edward Powell, III Mrs. Della Scott Mrs. Florance Smith Mrs. Gladys Smith Mr. Thomas Smith Mrs. Helen Barney Smith Mrs. Evelyn Terrell Mr. Earl Vickers Mrs. Eugenia Wagoner

Apples Of Gold by Helen Kitchell Evans



Someone needs encouragement
To help them through their weary days;
Someone needs to hear "You can!",
To be assured with spoken praise.



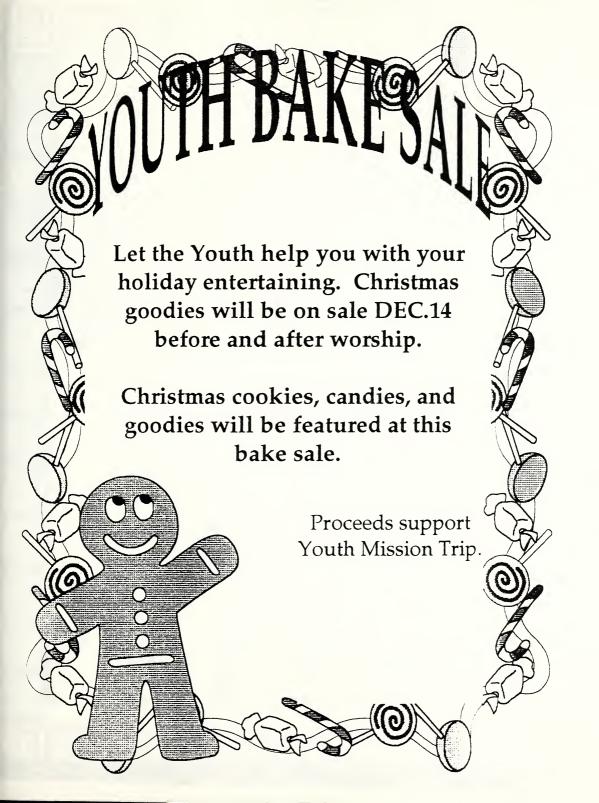
Someone needs to know we're there
To give them strength in time of need;
Someone needs to know we care,
Are proud of them when they succeed.



Someone needs to hear "I Love You"
In the simple words we say;
Someone's life we might save with
Kindly words we speak today.







Thanks

I move through the days created for me as if in a trance. Choices are made; challenges are confronted; hours fly by! Schedules are kept; calendars are checked as if by chance The action of doing more and more will answer life's "why?"

People, important and not so important, pass by my view. Some are loving; a few are hateful; many are "just there". Hands are grasped; glances are exchanged; nothing is new! I wonder as the motion-picture of faces pass, if I really care?

Sunrises begin my day, but go unseen and lost to my day. Blue skies greet me; sunshine warms me; rain waters my soul. So much is missed! So much is ignored as I walk this way, Taking for granted the blessings and care that make me whole.

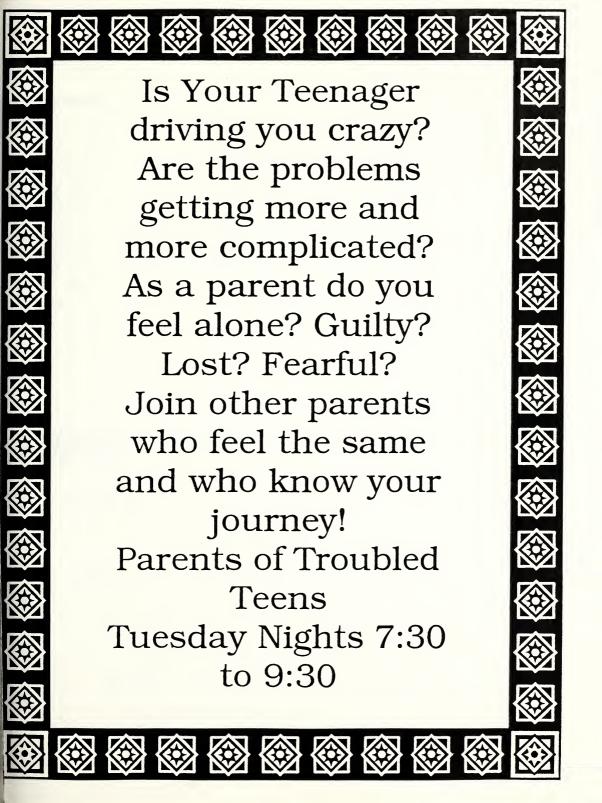
The years fly by and the maze of thoughtless actions confuse me. God keeps reaching; the Spirit keeps tugging; Christ offers love; Grace abounds; mercy fills me with promise; light makes me see The awesome harvest of goodness and hope that comes from above!

The autumn season proclaims how short is the human journey. Life is fragile; living is a precious opportunity; life is to be savored. The days may pass unnoticed, unless I open my eyes to reality! The blessings, tiny and great, abound, thanks to one I call "Savior!"

So, before the sunset is ignored and lost before this day is through Open my eyes, my heart and my soul, O God, to say "Thanks!" to You.

Thanks





Men's Fellowship News . . .

The Burlington District United Church of Christ Men's Fellowship sponsored the Leonard Simmons Memorial Golf Tournament at Shamrock Golf Course on October 18 1997. One hundred-eleven people played in 29 groups.

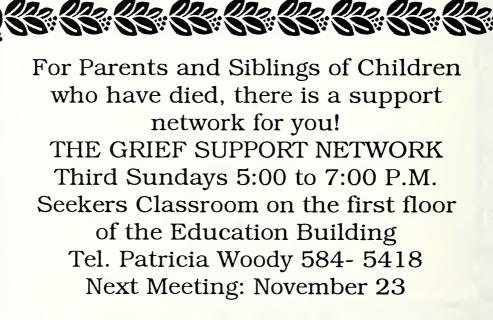
Those from Elon College Community Church were:

Dee Atkinson Earl Danieley
Bill Andes John Truitt
Ken Benson Jeff Wilkins
Rollin Heinzerling Wally Snyder

Profits from the tournament went into the organization's scholarship fund for U.C.C. High School Graduates entering their first year in colleges. In July the fund provided eighteen scholarships at \$500.00 each.

The group met at St John's New Mission Church on October 23, 1997.

If you would like to know more about the program and activities contact Bill Andes or Bill Rippy.





Leave-Ings

by Wayne Hepburn

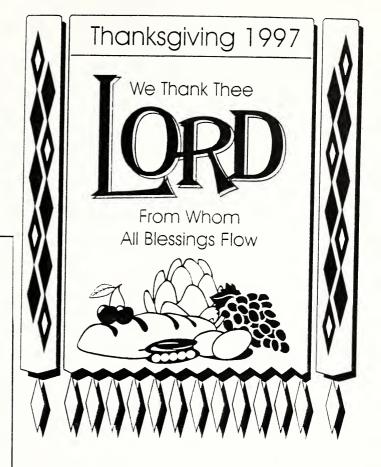
In a final flash of glory Signifying growing old They turn to orange, red, or yellow; Some even to a lustrous gold.

Many wrinkle, dry, and shrinkle, Before becoming sickly brown Then like a host of tiny corpses Lose their grips; come floating down.

The tree who birthed them falls asleep. Naked now, she hunkers down To brave the ice and snows she knows Will be here soon, too soon And stay too long, too long.

Below the blanket o'er her feet Her leaves begin to decompose Into the elemental substance; Seep into the hungry soil And reach her roots to wait for Spring.

There wait to be absorbed once more And lifted high to branching tips, Burst forth anew in brilliant green; Born again in a new season, Never knowing that the reason Is the love from Him Unseen.





"And we're reinforcing all the back pews because we know a lot of people prefer to sit there."

Paul Burton (c)MMI

Opportunities for Service at our Sunday Services Flowers for November

02 Mr. and Mrs. John Ketchum

09 Judge & Mrs. Marsh McLelland

16 Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parker

23 Ms. Edith Brannock Ms. Madge Brannock

Ushers for November

02 Earl Parker, Mike Mayse, Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley

09 Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Tommy Oakley, Stan Willard

willard 16 Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins,Bill

Beyer, Richard Orsvath 23 Dick Rinker, George Troxler, Bill

30 Bill Ruth, Walter Boyd, Jeff

Wilkins

Acolytes for November

02 Jesse Chatfield and Miranda Rich

09 Claire and Zack Welborn

16 Nicole Williamson and Jeff Wilkins

23 Derrick and Jessica Horner

30 David and Megan Brown

Greeters for November

02 John and Delores Truitt

09 Wes and Jane Alexander 16 Bill and Helen Rippy

23 Richard and Dee Bragg

30 Bill and Jean Motley

Nursery for November

02 Heidi Danieley/Cheryl Linde

09 Verona & Earl Danieley
16 Beth Schmidt/Hilda Oxford

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23 Ann & Kim Acquilano 30 Mike & Robin Gregory

Second Hour Child Care for November

02 Patsy Oliver/Marie Wilkins

09 Eddie Oliver/Jeff WilkinsIII

16 Mike & Janet Mayse 23 Kim & Steve Perry

30 Laura Chatfield/Suzanne Shipley

Church Attendance for

October

Oct. 05-146 Oct. 12-194 Oct. 19-135

Sympathy to:

♥ Brian and Robbyn Harper in the death of Robbyn's mother Lacala Oakes.

∇ Josie Huey and the Huey Family in the death of Mr. Alton Huey.

Congratulations to:

∀ Brian Thomas Rose and Catherine Zagrodnik upon their marriage on Saturday, October 18, 1997 at Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church in Greensboro, NC.

♡ Lydia Troxler and Jennifer Day on receiving the Rob Woody Youth Achievement Award in worship on October 12, 1997.

♡ Betty Dillashaw for being nominated in the Alamance Burlington School System Teacher of the Year Award Program. All of us know what a great teacher Betty is!

♥ Rebecca Perry for attending the Cullowhee Experience, an academic enrichment camp at Western Carolina University. She also made a great "weather gal" on T.V.!

∇ Matt Mayse who has finished work toward his Eagle Scout Award. We ar awaiting a date for his recognition serv

♡ North Carolina Healing the Childre team members who received news that we have now been officially included in HTC Midlantic, Inc.

Deacon News

The Deacons would like to invite our church family to take part in providing poinsettias for the church sanctuary during the Christmas season. We will be ordering 40 poinsettias for the sanctuary and providing a memorial in honor of the Christmas season. If you would like to help donate a poinsettia and have names listed on the memorial, please fill out the tear-off form at the bottom of this page. The cost is \$6.50. Everyone can take part and extra money will be donated to the Christmas Cheer Fund.

POINSETTIA FUND 1997

Help provide 40 Poinsettia Plants for our Chancel in December by filling out the form below and sending your contribution of \$6.50 to the Church Office by November 16. 1997.

Name:		
	Phone: ()	
	Amount enclosed: \$	
	Dedication or Memorial?	
	Please print neatly below!	

THANK YOV, GOD!



Our Response as
Good Stewards
to the Blessings
Received!

Be at church on November 23 and Consecrate your Gift or Tithe!



Joe Seidita (c)MMI



"Amazing! The Dead Sea scrolls are actually an ancient computer printout."

Brundige (c)MMI

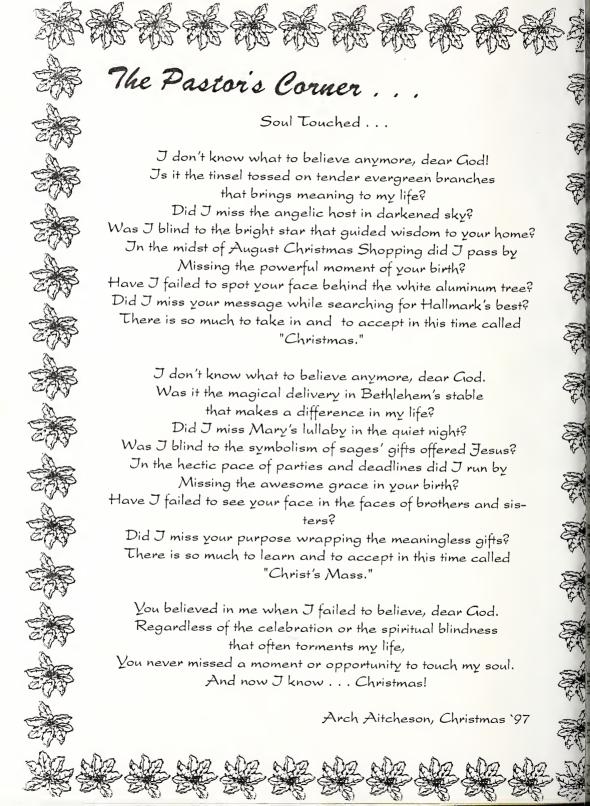


This TORCH is lovingly brought to your home b Your Church Staff and the many volunteers who assemble its pages to keep you informed! Our next Deadline is on Monday, November 17! Get your news into us! Tell us what your Board or Organization is doing in December! Let us know your good news to be celebrated Please do read these pages for the latest at **Elon College Community** Church!





Peace on Earth



From Becky's Desk....

What is Advent? The dictionary tells us Advent is "the period including the four Sundays before Christmas; any coming, arrival, or approach." The Church tells us Advent is a season of the Church Year, a time spent preparing for Christmas. Usually our preparations include doing too much, eating too much, spending too much, and wishing Christmas would never come.

Advent is more than just a season of four Sundays prior to Christmas. The four Sundays prior to Christmas should be the beginning of a continual Advent season for us. Those few short weeks are only the preparation for a year long Advent season. It serves as a reminder that God became "enfleshed" into our lives and our world; and we need to make ourselves ready for God to enter.

I am too often guilty of packing away the warm fuzzy feelings of Christmas when the decorations are packed away. I forget that Christ is born into my life each day when I open myself up to God's love and grace. These birth moments allow me to stand in awe with the shepherds and hear the glad tidings proclaimed even in July. I find that too often I want to live in darkness - not wanting to participate in God's promises. My fear of the unknown and my anxiety about taking risks often keep me enslaved to my old ways and prevent me from reaching out for new ones.

The season of Advent reminds me of my Easter faith — being called to live as an expectant person, moving into new life. During Advent, I celebrate far more than the birth of a baby in the manger. I celebrate the birth of the realization that nothing "will be able to separate me from the love of God." I celebrate Advent wherever God asserts Himself/Herself into my life.

"The Coming of God" by Ann Weems Our God is the One who comes to us

in a burning bush, in an angel's song, in a newborn child.

Our God is the One who cannot be found locked in the church, not even in the sanctuary.

Our God will be where God will be with no constraints, no predictability.

Our God lives where our God lives, and destruction has no power and even death cannot stop the living Our God will be born where God will be born, but there is no place to look for the One who comes to us.

Our God will be born where God will be born, but there is no place to look for the Chic who come.

When God is ready; God will come even to a Godforsaken place like a stable in Bethlehem.

Watch....for you know not when God comes. Watch, that you might be found whenever, wherever, God comes."

In Christ, Becky



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Imagine being a child who wakes up to a Christmas morning with no tree, no gifts, no new toys and a cold house.

Imagine a parent who feels the heartache of not being able to provide Christmas for his or her family because of financial distress.

Then

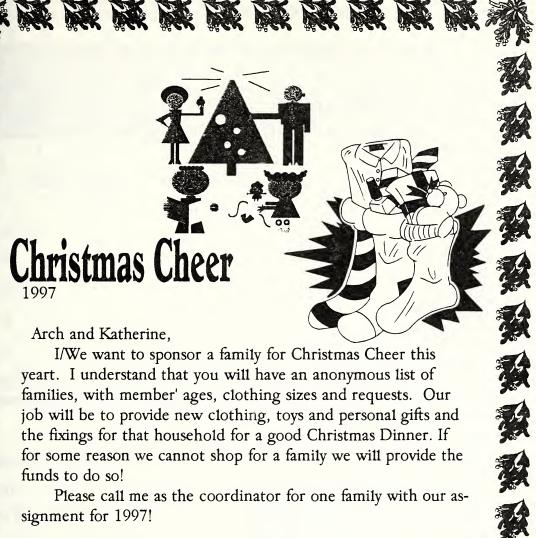
Imagine yourself in the spirit of Santa Claus providing new toys, new clothing, and a warm Christmas dinner for that entire family! This year we invite our own families, Sunday School Classes, Fellowship groups and neighborhoods to sponsor more families for Christmas Cheer.

We are invited to join the Women's Fellowship in the fine job they have done over the years in a more personal approach to the need.

Sign-up in the Sunday Bulletin before

December 1 or call the Church Office. You will be given an opportunity to help others which will make Christmas for you and yours!

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Name:

Sponsoring Group/Family/Organization:

Office soon! Deadline: Dec. 1, 1997.

Put this form in the Offering Plate or send it to the Church

Phone:



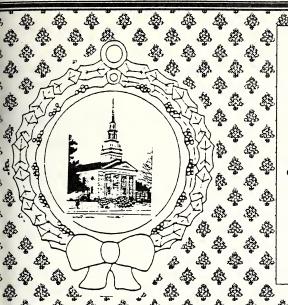
Children (preschool - 5th grade) are invited to
A Birthday Party for Jesus
on December 21, 1997 in the Parish House at 10:00 am

Sunday School teachers for these classes need to be present. Parents are welcome to join us.



All Sunday School
Teachers are invitod
to a "Coffee Talk'
on Dec. 28.
This event is
sponsored by You
Board of Christian
Education.

Watch your mail for all the details.



OUR CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS HAVE ARRIVED!

Celebrate the history of Elon College Community Church by purchasing one of these lovely ornaments. Our quantity is limited, so purchase YOURS soon!

All proceeds from this sale will support the Mission Trip and other activities of the Elon College Community Church

Allied Churches Good Samaritan Kitchen needs Your help . . .

The numbers are rising.

More and more folk are showing up at the night shelter and for meals at the Good Shepherd Kitchen.

Funds are slow in coming this time of year, because churches often pay their missions commitments at the end of the year.

Those are the facts.

The Board of Directors of the Allied Churches Ministries, however, have found a yummy way to support the important work of this church sponsored and United Way agency. They have put together a beautiful, loose-leaf cookbook that has some of the best recipes of some of the most creative cooks in our community.

The Good Shepherd Kitchen Cookbook is available in the Narthex on Sundays or in the Church Office during the week. All proceeds go to the kitchen support. Each volume costs \$15.00 for this hardbound edition.

What a great Christmas Gift idea! Give something to someone and help serve Christian outreach to our community needs at the same time!

Get your copy today!

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In order to get credit for 1997, all contributions, pledges or other financial gifts must be received on or before December 31st.

Any contributions received after that will be credited to 1998.

Checks received in the mail with a postmark of December 31st or before will be accepted even if received after Jan 1.

Hand delivered checks after Jan 1 will be credited to 1998 even if dated in 1997.

From Ass't Treasurer, Bill Ruth

In your last Contribution Statement there may have been an item shown as <u>Service Faire</u>.

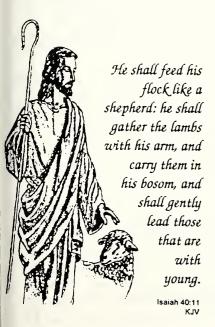
The figure represents the tax deductible amount of purchases made during the Faire.

Since you received either goods or services in return for your purchase you are only allowed to deduct the price paid above the value of the good or service. This figure represents the difference that is tax-deductible.

If you donated goods or services to the Faire, remember that only real property is deductible. A service such as raking yards etc. is not.

I would suggest you consult with your own tax consultant if you have

any further questions.



Our Congratulations to....

the Mock Trial Teams from
Western Alamance High School.
In the recent regional Mock Trial
Competition, Susan Heinzerling
and Katy Grosse made it to the
final round, finishing in 2nd
place. Lydia Troxler, JR
Heinzerling, and Jennifer Day
won 1st place at the competition,
and will advance to the State
finals in January. Jennifer was
awarded best lawyer in both her
cases. Lydia Troxler is President
of the club.

Helcome our newest members

On Sunday November 23, 1997 we were happy to receive the following persons into full membership at Elon College Community Church:

Marie E. Eyes

116 Oakview Drive Elon College NC 27244 (910) 584-3879 Marie is the daughter of Bob and Barbara Eyes and joins us by Letter of Transfer from Bridgewater Congregational Church, U.C.C. in Bridgewater, CT. She works at Burlington Art and Frame, Inc. and likes camping, hiking, community service work, gem-stone cutting, and stained glass art.

Eugene B. Grimley, III

206 Atkinson Avenue P.O. Box 817 (mailing address) Elon College NC 27244-0817 (910) 584-9466 Fax: (910) 538-2643 Gene is married to Jo McAdams Grimley and is a professor in the Department of Chemistry at Elon College. He comes to us by Letter of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church of Burlington. He enjoys swimming, waterskiing, golf, tennis, choir and music. In the past he has been a deacon. He and Jo are parents to adult children, Jeanne, Susie and Mark.

Jo McAdams Grimley

206 Atkinson Avenue P.O. Box 817 (mailing address) Elon College NC 27244-0817 (910) 584-9466 Jo is married to Gene Grimley and is also a professor in the Chemistry Department at Elon College. Elon College has been home to her and her family for a number of years.

Joseph Vincent Mattern

2253 Melrose Drive Burlington NC 27217 (910) 227-5324 Joe is a Senior at Elon College who comes to us by reaffirmation of faith from the Roman Catholic faith. He is the son of member, Mary Mattern, and likes sports, reading and writing. Joe is active in the College Book Study Class and hopes to enter law school after graduation from Elon.

Jean Way Norris

3915 Calvin Court Burlington NC 27215 (910) 584-0166 Jean is the wife of Leonard E. Norris and has recently moved with her husband from Madison, NJ to their new home at Twin Lakes. She joins us by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Madison, NJ. where she was an active member for many years. She and Len have a daughter, Randy Ellen. who lives in our region.

new members continued

Leonard Ellsworth Norris

3915 Calvin Court Burlington NC 27215 (910) 584-0166 Len is the husband of Jean Norris, and also joins us by letter of transfer from the First Presbyterian Church in Madison, NJ. Len likes to golf and emjoys their new home at Twin Lakes! He, like Jean. has been active in church work and leadership throughout the years.

Mack L. Scott

2834 South Fairway Dr. Burlington NC 27215 P.O. Box 346 Gibsonville NC 27249 Mack comes to us by letter of transfer from First Christian Church in Burlington and is known to many of us for the work he does for our Scout Troop. Mack likes computers, photography, Aquatics and boating as well!

Cameron Scott (child)

Kimberly S. Webb

2855 Snug Harbor Road Burlington NC 27216 (910) 584-6564 Fax: (910) 563-4573 Kim is mother of Casey Webb, daughter of Stephen and Katrina Chappell, and sister of Christi Ruth. She works for Kidde Safety in Mebane and enjoys sports, children and movies. She comes to us by letter of transfer from Grace United Methodist Church in Burlington.

Casey S. Webb, (Child)

Russell Robert Wilkinson

373 C McCray Road Burlington NC 27217 (910) 226-1029 Russell is married to Kathryn M. Wilkinson and is the father of Chelsea Renee and Michael Wayne. He is employed by Palmetto Helicopters as a pilot. He enjoys aviation and woodworking. Russell was a member of this church as a youth and comes to us reinstating his membership.

Kathryn M. Wilkinson

373 C McCray Road Burlington NC 27217 (910) 226-1029 Kathryn is the wife of Russell and mother to Chelsea and Michael. She comes to us by letter of transfer from Altamahaw Baptist Church. She enjoys cooking, Reading and Cake Decorating.

Chelsea Renee Wilkinson, (Child) Michael Wayne Wilkinson, (Child)

YOUTH NEWS

DECEMBER STUFF

Dec. 7 - MORAVIAN LOVE FEAST
Join us for the beautiful and
traditional Moravian Love Feast.
It's a great opportunity to get into
the Christmas Spirit. It begins at
5:00 pm.

Dec. 14 - PARTYIPARTYIPARTYI
Everyone is Invited to Join us for a
Christmas Party at the Welborn's
house, 105 Truitt Dr. There will be
games, prizes, laughter.
Remember to bring your gift. Plan
to stay until 7:30 pm.

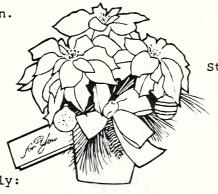
Youth will not meet during the Christmas vacation.

Join us on Jan.4, 1998 at 6:00 pm

Dear Elon College Community Church Friends:

Words cannot begin to express my thanks to you for your love and concern for me during my recent illness and hospitalization. To those of you who called, sent cards and flowers, visited, brought food, and for your prayers for my health- Thank You. I feel sure God has touched me and will continue to heal me through all of you. You are a caring church family.

Thank You again.



Stan Willard

Dear Church Family:

I have enjoyed being your church secretary for the past four years. I appreciate all the love and support you have shown me over the years and I will miss you.

In His Love,

Que

Diane Jones

You've all been so wonderful,

it's hard to know

how to begin to say thanks.

Please know that your kindness

will always be remembered.

Thanks alot for everything, cards, money, and visits

Your friend in Christ, Carolyn Cummings and Family

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Youth Ministry -see article in this issue of the Torch! Grief Support Network - Third Sundays (Dec. 21) 5 PM 5PM Moravian Love Feast Service Parents of Teens Support Tuesday Nights at 7:30 PM 2PM Exam Bag Project Assembly 7PM WORLD AIDS DAY SERVICE CHURCH NIGHT BOARDS! A.A. Meeting- Wednesdays at 7 PM LEADERS: SUNDAY, December 14 IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7



CANDLELIGHT SERVICE WORLD AIDS DAY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1
7:00 P.M.
AT THE FRONT STEPS OF
Elon College Community Church
Williamson Avenue
Elon College North Carolina

A SERVICE OF PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE

OPEN TO ALL WHO CARE!

Tower Bells will be chimed at 2 p.m. as part of an international recognition service!

Give Children Hope in A World with AIDS!

A story from your Global Ministries ...

TRANSFORMING THE WORLD

After 11 years of service in relatively flat Zambia where cold weather simply meant putting on a sweater, Global Ministries missionary Mark Behle is teaching math and religion in a new community at Masitise High School, one of many Lesotho Evangelical Church schools in rugged, mountainous - and cold - Lesotho. A snowy winter there can stretch from May into August.

One Sunday morning in June Mark walked to church in an icy drizzle which turned into big, heavy, wet flakes. As the church has no lights, it was quite dark inside as worship began. At first the snow just melted into the ground, but eventually a small covering built up and a lovely transformation occurred in the sanctuary. All the light reflected by the flakes in the air and on the ground filtered into the church, transforming darkness into light! "You are the light of the world." Mark thought as he watched the illumination. Just as the sanctuary darkness was transformed by the snowflakes, so can human sanctuaries known as Christian be illumined to transform the world in which we live, he thought. While one flake reflects so little light as to be unnoticed, the total snowfall makes all the difference. "So we as Christians, when we stand together as the Body of Christ, have far greater impact than when we stand alone.

In a letter he wrote about Christian community, Mark quoted African author John Mbiti: "I am because we are: and since we are, therefore I am" - and noted Mbiti's sharp juxtaposition to Descartes' famous phrase, "I think, therefore I am." "We are created as unique individuals," Mark observed, "but the fullness of our lives as God intends is achieved as we live in community and communion with God and others."

You make the difference .

The prayers and help you provide through your local congregation make possible the work and witness of GLOBAL MINISTRIES, which is supported by Basic Mission Finance of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) of the United Church

G**LOBAL** MINISTRIES

Trustee Torch Tintinnabulation

Reported by Bill Ellis

The Board of Trustees monthly meeting for November, 1997, dealt with a number of important items of Church interests. They were as follows:

- 1. The Board was notified that the Southern Bell Construction contractor has made a donation of \$1,200.00 to the church in return for parking privileges.
- 2. The Board discussed the on-going topic of the painting of the exterior areas of the Church, including the Parish House. This discussion included the estimate of painting contractor Mr. Jimmy Holmes, and also to request additional estimates.
- 3. Building Superintendent Biff Brafford reported that the leaks in two bathrooms commodes have been fixed.
- 4. The final order of business concerned the Board of Trustees' sponsoring of the Shelter Meal on Friday, December 5th. Regarding this, Mrs. Phoebe Harrison, the Board Secretary, offered to head up this activity, and to provide the food, preparation and service for the meal. Mrs. Harrison, and a friend have done this twice in the past, and invited any Board members who so desired, to assist in any way.

The Trustees thank Mrs. Harrison for this outstanding service, and a number of Board members have volunteered to assist her.



Blanket the World with LOVE

Mission Board Musings submitted by Martin Shotzberger



Dear Members of Elon Community Church:

Your Mission Board enlists your support for The Church World Service Blanket Program! We ask that you purchase at least one blanket - for a mere \$5.00 - to help those in the world who are:

COLD

WET

UNHOUSED

POOR

DISEASED

OR IN DIRE NEED

pecause of:

NATURAL DISASTERS
EARTHQUAKES
FLOODS
FAMINE

OR WINTER STORMS

and due to:

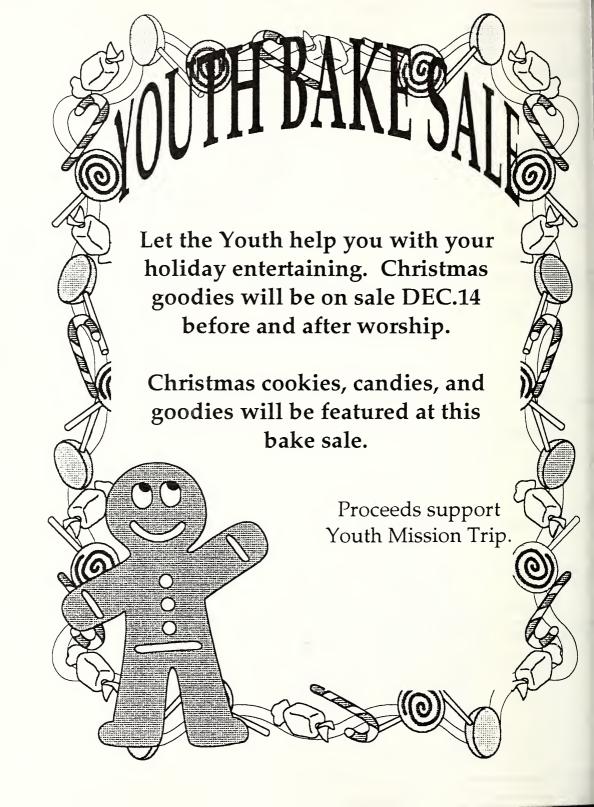
POLITICAL UPHEAVAL

OR WARS.

The blanket which will be displayed early in January in the Narthex is a splendid puy and will serve the needs of many.

On January 6, 1998 envelopes will be made available in our church bulletin for our use. Please search your hearts and return the envelope on January 13, 1998 with IVE OR MORE DOLLARS inside.

We know that you will feel warmly blessed!



ELON COLLEGE Office of Institutional Advancement

Annual Report of Endowments to Donors and Scholarship Contacts

As of May 31, 1997

Endowment/Scholarship Name:

Elon College Community Church Scholarship Fund

Ending Balance as of May 31, 1996

\$20,555.73

Contributions Received

\$0.00

Annual Interest

\$860.72

TOTAL

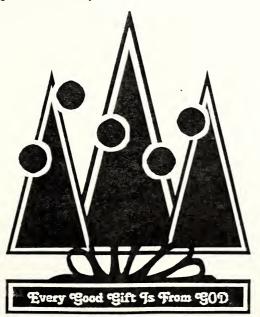
\$860,72

Scholarship Assistance/ Endowment Support

\$1,000.00

Closing Balance as of May 31, 1997

521,416.45



Burlington Area UCC Men's Fellowship meets at Union Ridge Church January 22, 1998 at 7:00 p.m.

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Here is a tentative list of Gathering Groups for 1997-98. Please check the list. If you want to be listed and have not been, if you have been listed by mistake, or if you prefer to be in another group, please speak with Shirley Beyer or Earl Danieley before the final list is posted. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE TWO NEW GROUPS - SOME PEOPLE HAVE BEEN MOVED FROM THE 1996-1997 GROUPS AND ASSIGNED TO THE NEW GROUPS. If you need a ride, someone in your group will be happy to provide it for you.

GROUP 1

Jimma Causey
Pearl & Marsh McLelland
Beth Schmidt; Clara Noah
Kathleen Lankford
Mary & Bill Ruth
Ann Acquilano

GROUP 3

Linda & Barry Raker
Verona & Earl Danieley
Josie Huey
Juanita Loy; Florence Smith
Janet & Mike Mayse
Rosalie Voelker

GROUP 5

Patsy & Ralph Jourdan Sara Dodson Lois Bost; Suzanne Shipley Della Scott; Lois Luke Ken & Liz Bensen Beth & Louis Wilkins

GROUP 7

Betty & Jerry Dillashaw Helen & Bill Rippy Katrine & Steve Chappell Pat Richardson Kenneth Hall Betty & Roger King

GROUP 2

Fran & Harvey Hook Jeff & Marie Wilkins Liz & Arch Aitcheson Evelyn Terrell Elizabeth & Earl Parker Richard Orsvath Robin & Mike Gregory

GROUP 4

Shirley & Bill Beyer
Jane Miller; Travis Pate
Dave Turnage
Betty Walker; Nina Matlock
Faye & Tom Conally
Carole & George Oakley

GROUP 6

Katharine & Emmett Floyd Ethel & Tom Oakley Cindy Benson Christy & David Ruth Eleanor & Paul Fairfield Olga Griswold dding Bells . . .

hurch Family celebrates the following marriages in November:

nber 15, 1997

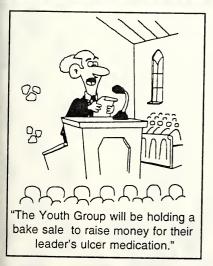
Fields Harris and Kathleen Melba Woodell were married in our sanctuary by Aitcheson. The Honor Guard of the Western Alamance High School Marching shered for the service. The Bride and Groom served Communion to the guests r first common effort as wife and husband.

e same day, Kenneth James Elder and Lourdes Maria Cook were united in ge. Pastor Aitcheson led the families in a special portion of the worship that ated the unity of their families and the establishment of a new Christian home. as Cook, four year old son of Lourdes, joined his mother and Kenneth in the gof the unity candle. Kenneth is the son of Jim and Kay (Hughes) Elder.

nber 28, 1997

and Paul Covington and Cathy Lynn Henderson were united in marriage at the Memorial Presbyterian Church in Blowing Rock, NC. by Pastor Aitcheson. The generated special music and the sacrament of Holy Communion. Cathy is the er of Dr. & Mrs. Richard Henderson. Ray is the son of Dr. & Mrs. M. Cade ton.

gs to all three couples as they begin a life together in Jesus Christ!





M L Zanco @MMI

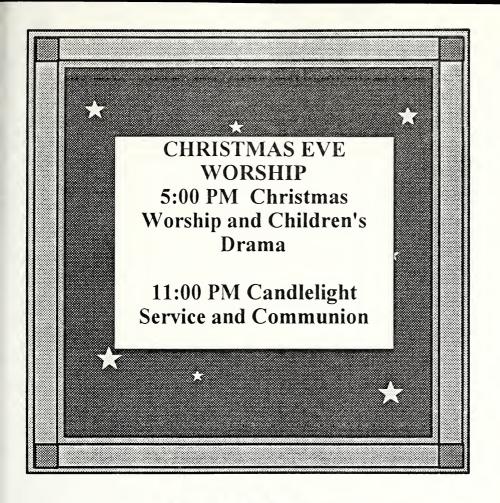
J M Cogan @MMI



Our Christmas Offering for 1997 will once again go to the support of the Christmas Fund (formerly called "Veterans of the Cross Fund") and the Emergency Fund of the United Church of Christ.

The monies for this fund go to help support widows and widowers of those who have given a lifetime of service in Christian Ministry. It also helps younger clergy families when that servant dies leaving children to educate and households to support. In emergencies of serious illness and unemployment this fund helps our servant families through the tough times.

Envelopes will be in church bulletins in December. Be sure to give generously!





"The deeper the darkness, the more difference the light makes."

Rev. Dennis Mulder, in the video "Columbia" by The Bible League



What Do They Really Want For Christmas?

by Helen Kitchell Evans

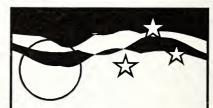
There's a hustle and bustle at Christmas That's hard to understand. People rushing everywhere: It happens all over the land.

You often hear them saying, What can I get for Uncle Ben? Then they look and look and then, Repeat the words all over again.

And what about my Mom and Dad? Their lives seem very full indeed. I wonder, is that really true? Perhaps it's time, and love they need.

Perhaps they long for other gifts, A kind not wrapped beneath a tree; More attention from their children: Visits from those they long to see.

Let us settle down this season. Make a list of ones we know: Fill our sack with gifts of kindness, Scatter gifts of love where we go.



"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. "And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. "But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Luke 21:25-28 NASB

Opportunities for Service at our Sunday Services Flowers for December

07 Dr. William Andes

14 Mr. & Mrs. Dee Atkinson

21 Mr. & Mrs. E.W. Brafford

28 The Martin Family

Ushers for December

07 Earl Parker, Mike Mayse, Dee Atkinson, Mark Danieley

14 Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Tommy Oakley, Stan Willard

21 Ken Harper, Beth Wilkins, Bill Beyer, Richard Orsvath

28 Dick Rinker, George Troxler, Bill Linde

Acolytes for December

07 Christine Fogleman/Anna Wilkins

14 Rebecca Perry/Susan Heinzerling

21 Jesse Chatfield/Robert Danieley

28 Claire Welborn/Zach Welborn

Greeters for December

07 Bill and Shirley Beyer

14 Barry and Linda Raker 21 Ken and Liz Benson

28 Mike and Robin Gregory

ursery for December

07 Patsy and Ralph Jourdan

14 Jim and Lorene Lyon

21 Lou Harper/Meg Wilkins

28 Mary and Bill Ruth

Second Hour Child Care for December

07 Jimma and Chris Causey

14 Lydia Troxler/Jennifer Day

21 Christy and David Ruth

28 Beth Wilkins/Matt Mayse

hurch Attendance for

ovember

Nov. 02-118 Nov. 09-159

Nov. 16-151



IT'S TIME TO GO TO BETHLEHEM

by Marion Schoeberlein

It's time to go to Bethlehem, It is not far away, It's time to look for poems again. Love on a Christmas Day!

It's time to think of Christmas now. All the glory of Christ's birth, As He traveled down from heaven To live upon this earth.

It's time to think of love again, It's time to be a part Of Christmas memories The years keep in our heart.

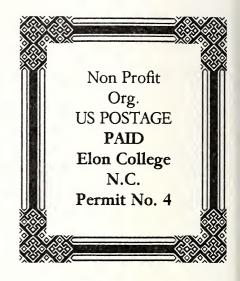
When snow is falling everywhere And stars pinprick the sky, December paints the roads with silk And carolers go by,

It's time to go to Bethlehem, It is not far away '-It's time to look for HIM again— His LOVE on Christmas Day!

(c)MM

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Newsletter for:

THE TORCH Vol. 12 December 1997
Elon College Community Church
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"Living Christ in Today's World!"

The 1998 Yearbook of Annual Reports For the Year, 1997

Dedicated in Christian Love to the Memory of

Carey Elizabeth Andes Earl Wright Parker

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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH



Membership Statistics for 1997 Elon College Community Church of the United Church of Christ	
Members listed as of December 31, 1996	310
Associate Members as of December 31, 1996	30
Members received during 1997	19
Associate Members received during 1997	2
Members transferred to other churches	1
Members deceased in 1997	2
Confirmed Membership as of December 31, 1997	329
Associate Members as of December 31, 1997	32

Baptisms

2

Ryan Martin Allshouse January 12, 1997 William Robert Vickers March 2, 1997

Deaths

2

Carey Elizabeth Andes August 7, 1997 Earl W. Parker December 23, 1997

Weddings

David Andrew Ruth and Christy Lynn Chappell March 3, 1997

Tony Orlando Pinnix and Kristin Elizabeth Wilkins April 18, 1997

Christopher William Roehner and Helen Myra Rippy
June 20, 1997

Edgar Fields Harris and Kathleen Melba Woodell November 15, 1997

> Church Office Hours in 1997 8:30 to 1:30 M - F Other times by Appointment

Telephone: (336) 584-0391; (336) 584-8147

Fax: (336) 584-7963

Elon College Community Church 1997 Memorials

Memorials have been recieved and acknowledged for the following persons:

Carey Andes Margaret Barber John Barney Marie Martin Craig Ruth Cunningham N.R. Franks, Sr. Pearl Harper Howell Harrison Alton Huey John Hughes Anne Kellan David Kreiser W. Phalti Lawrence Lacola Oaks Margaret Orsvath

Earl Parker Harold Parker Gracie Rich Dorothy & James Ruth Mable Oxford Shacleford Tim Stanley Rena Underwood Mabel Veasley Gladys Vickers Willard White Charles Woosley Nina Briggs Young

In Honor of: Mark Danieley Beth Schmidt

We extend our sympathy and our blessings to the families who have traveled the pathways of grief in 1997. We are thankful for the gifts which celebrate the lives of loved ones in the living mission of Christ's church.

Life continues in the memories of those who remain behind. Life continues in the sacred promise of the Savior who conquers death and carries us to the realm of God which has no death.. no end.

1998 CHURCH STAFF

Roberta Starr Building Fund Secretary

ev. Arch Aitcheson

Pastor

r. William J. Andes

Pastor Emeritus

3. Rebecca Peeler Director of Christian Education

cs. Elizabeth Langley

Interim Office Manager

c. Richard Neubauer

Organist

rs. Betty Dillashaw

Accompanist

s. Liz Aitcheson

Choral Director

lma & Carolyn Cummings

Custodians



___Pastor's Report Rev. Arch Aitcheson

ONE

Not one. But ones. Coming together as ONE. With one mission, One purpose, One vision . . . To serve One God In faithfulness to the ONE Who brought one message One hope, One promise One joined another One with one result: One God was glorified! One life was exemplified! One hope was shared! One Life saved many. It took that One and one other . . . You!







Pastor's Report continued

1997 has been a year of unity and spirit in this congregation! The poem that preceeds this page suggests the formula.

The Christian Spirit has moved in the midst of us!

New faces are joining our fellowship and those who have been around longer, have remained faithful.

In 1997 we have fund-raised and fun-raised.

We have continued to reach out beyond ourselves to our community and world.

New programs, new adventures and new challenges have been put before us and all of us have responded.

Caring has continued to be our role in the fellowship and beyond.

There is a sense of renewal and a responsiveness in service and stewardship that guides us in living out our Mission Statement: "Living Christ in Today's World!"

The pages that follow point to the details.

For the moment, simply know that I thank God for each of you... the ONES who are his ministers in Elon College!

Let's pray for more of the same and new visions and challenges for 1998!

In Christ's Love,

Arch Aitcheson Pastor & Teacher



Annual Report....1997
From: Becky Peeler, DCE

Two words can be used to highlight the year 1997. Those two words are "newness" and "renewal". For me, those two words sum up what Christian Education and myself have been about this year. Some of what I will say here will feature "new" programs; however most of what this report will describe is an overall feeling of newness and renewal about the church as a whole.

There were "new" teachers and leaders in Vacation Bible School. There was a new feeling of excitement as persons who were recruited did so willingly. Vacation Bible School, though small in number, had an overall feeling of excitement and fun for those who participated. One of the children asked if the week had to end. Leaders' comments included: "Let's do this again!"; "It was fun!"; "I enjoyed it because I don't usually get to work with the children". Could it be a "new" Vacation Bible School curriculum, some new faces helping that contributed to the excitement, wonder, and learning I saw happening?

Some "new" faces are teaching Sunday School in the Children and Youth classes this year. Some are "new" to our congregation; some are "renewed" in their commitment to the church. Teachers have committed to teach for longer segments of time, realizing the need for continuity for young children. It has been a wonderful feeling to see persons arrive early to prepare for children, youth, and adults - a welcoming presence. How refreshing it is for me to see people enjoying being a part of this important ministry. God has, in God's time, made the harvest ripe with workers.

Youth Ministry is such an exciting area to be involved with right now. What a joyful noise to hear the halls reverberate with the sounds only teenagers can make! This is such a fun time for me. It's like experiencing the proverbial sleeping giant awaken. There is "newness" in responsibilities being shared through adults who meet with us. There is "newness" on the part of the youth - who have asked and desired to be a part of the leadership responsibilities. The Youth Fellowship officers have done a superb job thus far. It's new; it's exciting to watch their leadership grow. The best part of Youth Fellowship this year is a "new" attitude. An attitude which says, 'This is important to me; I want to be here!" Through the years, I have learned Youth Ministry can be the most frustrating, the most challenging, the most fun part of Christian Education in the church. For when it is good -- it is really good!

At this writing, the youth are planning to go on a Mission/Work Project entitled Carolina Cross Connection during the summer of 1998. I feel God has definitely called us to this project. Even though this church has sent youth to ASP before, the preparations and participation of this one are "new". The youth participating will be different; the organization will be different: and my hopes for what I would like to see happen are different. All which contribute to a brand "new" experience.

I love it when you can see God acting in people's lives. I have witnessed it this year, especially in the last six months, in the area of Christian Education. I have witnessed it in our Christian Education Board meetings; in individuals who have felt miled to begin a new program for children; in persons willing to do; in individuals who support and transform others by their presence.

There has also been renewal personally this year. Or maybe I should any there's been "redemption". Maybe it's the renewal on a personal level that accounts fir the "newness" I have experienced in Christian Education. Yet the "newness" in education also provides for some of the personal renewal. Strange how that works. The two, though, would have no renewing quality without the redeeming love and power of God. I've felt that too.

In Christ,

Becky Peeler

Director of Christian Education

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH December 31, 1997

The Music Department has been very active throughout 1997, and visible both in the church and in the community.

- The Chancel Choir participated in several special services this year:
 - Grief Support Network Memorial Service
 - Thanksgiving Community Service
 - Moravian Love Feast
 - Christmas Eve Candlelight service
- We actively coordinated with the Elon College Gospel Choir for the Elon College Parents' Weekend services. Liz visited a Gospel Choir rehearsal to help prepare them for the hymns and our joint anthem, and has been invited back to do more in-depth rehearsing next year.
- Four Elon College students were members of the Chancel Choir in the spring; one student is currently active
- We have had one application for the Artist-In-Residence scholarship, and we hope to award this in early 1998.
- The Chancel Choir and music staff served a meal to the Allied Churches Shelter in August.
- In September Chancel Ringers I merged with Chancel Ringers II to form The Chancel Ringers, a group of 10 members plus director Liz Aitcheson. Their purpose is to provide handbell music for worship.
- The Terrific Thursdays program has added handbell instruction to its schedule. The purpose for this group is to teach music through the use of handbells. Betty Dillashaw is the director.
- The handbells were returned to the manufacturer this summer for maintenance and repair. They were returned in time for rehearsals to begin in September. Total cost: approximately \$1000.
- The organ has been tuned for the Christmas season.
- The keyboard is being used in worship instead of the piano because it can easily be adjusted in tune with the organ; no other maintenance is required.
- Our Chancel Choir stewardship mini-campaign achieved nearly 100% participation.

20 + 3 staff Total Chancel Choir members:

11 Total Chancel Ringers:

Total Terrific Thursdays Ringers: 7

Your music staff has enjoyed being a part of the worship and fellowship experiences of this church, and we look forward to an exciting 1998.

Entre Mulachaw

Report of the Moderator 1997

The hardest part being the Moderator for 1997 is writing this report. I am on my own. I can not call on the Boards, Committees, or staff to help me on this ore.

This report is as much for me as it is for you, maybe more. It helps me to take stock of the positive highlights of 1997, such as the Crop Walk, Service Fair Project, Commissioning Service for Beverly Beyer, The Shalimar Church Youti Choir, Recognition of 25 of our members with 50 years or more of service to Elon Community Church, The Stephans Ministry Team and the groups that volunteer twice a month with a meal and service at Allied Churches Shelter.

As you read the other reports form the Staff and Boards you can see that many hours of prayer, service and outreach by many members has made a lot of other good things happen during 1997. We have much to be thankful for.

I personally thank each member of the Staff, the Boards and the congregation for making the business life of the church during 1997 a blessed event.

There is still much to be done. Let us dream it - pray it - and do it.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

Bill Blanchard Moderator 1997

1997 Board of Christian Education Annual Report

1997 has been a growing year for Christian Education. We have added new Sunday School classes, the Youth program is growing, and we are beginning to see some new faces in our nursers department. Our new Sunday School classes included a 2-4 year old class, new Adult Bible Study class. and a new College class.

Some highlights from this year include:

March 29 - Easter Egg Hunt and Blessing of the Baskets for the children April 20 - Bible Mentor Ice Cream Social for 3rd graders and their mentors First informational meeting for new adult Sunday School class.

May 2 - Christian Education helped serve a shelter meal

June 1 - Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

June 23-27 - Vacation Bible School

August 17 - Teacher Training Event

August 24 - Promotion Sunday. Everyone met in the Parrish House for a "Happy New Year" celebration.

September 28 - Rally Day. Had a cookout after worship to cick off the new Sunday School year with the theme "In the beginning...". Also resented a 3rd grader with their Bible.

October - Robin Gregory to start a Children's Fellowship with a party at her house Det 26.

November 30 - Advent Intergenerational Event.

December 21 - Birthday Party for Jesus.

These are just the highlights for the year, there is always something going on behing the scenes with Christian Education. We have in the past and will in the fuzzre be looking for teachers, those to help in the nursery and second hour care, and anywhere else there is a need.

I and the Board would like to thank Becky Peeler for the hard work that she does and the ireless effort she gives to Christian Education and hope that we as a board have helped in a small was to make her job easier.

Respectfully submitted,

Melodie Allshouse Board of Christian Education

ANNUAL REPORT

BOARD OF DEACONS

The 1997 Board of Deacons consisted of nine members and attempted to assist the minister in the spiritual affairs of the church. These responsibilities are man and varied, and have been a blessing to those of us with the opportunity to serve.

The Board of Deacons assists in the "mechanics" of worship, as well as overseeing several "behind-the-scenes" duties involved in carrying out the worship services of our church. Our board is responsible for setting up and assisting with communion, as well as the training and scheduling of acolytes, ushers, and liturgists. Becky Peeler headed up our acolytes this year, with Ray Harclerode overseeing the ushers and Tom Conally the liturgists.

In order to assist the pastor in our outreach to our congregation, each deacon has an assigned list of members (our Deacons - in - Care List) for special contact throughout the year. Specific deacons might be available to these individuals in times of joy or concern, serving as ambassadors of our church community. In addition, the Board of Deacons has endorsed the training and commissioning of several new Stephens Ministers this year. These are specially-trained individuals that are extensions of the spirit of our church community, reaching out to those among us with special concerns and needs. While we are grateful for these special folks, we realize that we need more of these specially-trained personnel (especially more men) to meet the needs of our congregation.

Special services and their planning involve our deacons - Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Homecoming, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. In addition we hosted the Shalimar Youth Choir from Florida and found housing for over 60 youth!

We fed the homeless at Allied Churches in October and decorated the sanctuary for the Advent Season early in December. In addition, we assembled and distributed fruit baskets to the elderly and shut-ins in our congregation. Beth Schmidt organized this for us.

The Board of Deacons traditionally oversees the music, and we have been quite fortunate this year to have had the services of our dedicated choral team - Richard Neubauer, Liz Aitcheson, and Betty Dillashaw.

Thanks to the direction of our spiritual leader, Arch Aitcheson, we have had a very fulfilling year in the life of Elon College Community Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Wilkins, Chair

BOARD OF EVANGELISM 1996 Report

This has been a busy year for the Board of Evangelism. Ongoing activities have included:

- Providing greeters each Sunday
- Providing lemonade after worship during summer months
- Continuing the Bread Ministry to those who have attended worship
- Sending hand written notes to incoming UCC freshmen at the beginning of the school year
- Hosting two luncheons for new church members
- Hosting a fellowship "sub supper"
- Soliciting snacks, preparing and distributing exam bags to Elon students twice a year
- Reforming gathering groups to encourage new friendships and fellowship
- Serving a meal at the Allied churches shelter
- Soliciting hosts for football Sunday and coordinating luncheon after worship for hosts and team members
- Organizing name tags

Many thanks to all the board members who have worked so diligently this year, and to all members of the congregation who have helped this board meet its goal of expanded fellowship and outreach.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Beyer, Chair

1997 YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND				
	As of	Budget to		
	12/31/97	12/31/97	+/-	
Income	\$216,672.15	\$203,408.00	\$13,264.15	*
Expenses	\$212,619.44	\$214,166.00	(\$1,546.56)	
Deficit(-)/Surplus(+)	\$4,052.71			
			* Increased Income:	
			Service Faire	\$7,000.00
	10/21/07		Fun Fund Raisers	\$170.00
Funds on hand	12/31/97		Rentals	\$1,700.00
Checking	\$19,793.41		Unpledged Env Revenue	\$1,920.00
Money Market	\$6,518.68		Special Offerings	\$2,030.00
Total	\$26,312.09		Total	\$12,820.00
Designated/Liabilities	\$37,181.96			
Actual on hand	(\$10,869.87)			
Reserve	\$20,668.29			
Net Available	\$9,798.42			
1997 MISSION EXPENDITURE Budgeted	s			
World Missions	\$13,441.00			
Local Missions	,			
Special Offerings	\$2,030.00			
Good Samaritan Total	\$8,870.00 \$26,765.00			
% of Total Expenditures	12.59%			
% of Total Expenditures	12.55%	1		
BUILDING\MEMORIAL I	FUNDS			
	12/31/97			
Building Fund	\$8,281.93		Checking	\$574.57
Capital Fund Drive '96	(\$30,554.55)		Money Market	\$10,901.30
New Fellowship Bld	\$9,965.65		Certificate of Deposit	\$9,965.62
Interest Received	\$1,495.85		Total	\$21,441.49
Interest Paid	(\$3,810.00)			
Other Memorials	\$18,062.61		Anonymous Loan	(\$18,000.00)

Net Available

\$3,441,49

\$3,441.49

Total

AC/ETC FUND SUMMARY AS OF 12/31/97

Summary By Year	1996	1997	1998	Total
Income Expenditures Interest Paid	,	\$23,451.75 (\$17,468.81) (\$3,555.33)		\$62,290.31 (\$92,439.86) (\$3,810.00)
Expenditures New Air Conditioning System		(Estimated) \$74.971.05		(Actual) \$75,092.49
Paving Parking Lots (April 1997) Tithe Projects:		\$16,600.00		\$16,347.37
Habitat for Humanity of Ala County Seminary Scolarship Fund		\$5,000.00 \$5,400.00		\$1,000.00
Interest on loan		\$6,000.00		\$3,810.00
Total		\$107,971.05		\$96,249.86

Pledge Status

Pledged Income	\$104,900.00
Memorials Pledged (see below)	\$3,389.50
Total Available (Pledged+Memorials)	\$108,289.50

Pledges Received as of 12/31/97	\$62,290.31
Outstanding Pledged Income	\$42,609.69

Memorials Pledged to AC/ETC	Account #	
Clemm	8551	\$205.00
Schmidt	8552	\$650.00
Ann Reynolds	8555	\$1,289.00
Vickers	8560	\$673.00
Woosley	8565	\$572.50

Total

\$3,389.50

The fiscal year of Women's Fellowship begins in September. At the Annual General Meeting in September, the president, Katherine Floyd introduced the theme for the year 1997-98. "Voices of Vision" Our guest speaker was the Reverend Katrin Scherma, a seminary intern from the Evangelical Church of the Rhineland, who has been serving at Mt. Hope UCC in Guilford County this past year. During the business session a budget of \$2,737 was approved with \$500 for OCWM, \$700 for service projects, \$902 for educational projects including a camp scholarship, church youth support, child sponsorship in Nepal and ministerial scholarship \$300, and \$635 for fellowship and worship programs.

Present officers will serve until June 1998: President, Katherine Floyd, Vice-president, Roberta Starr, Treasurer, Sara Dodson, Secretary, Jackie Pendergrass. Circle Leaders are: Circle 1 Fran Hook, Circle 2 Beth Wilkins, and Circle 3 Page Edgerton/Melva Foster. Circles meet each month with a General Meeting each quarter.

The Mission Emphasis quarterly program was held on March 10, 1997 in the Parish House with a very informative program on "The Status of the Christian Faith in Hong Kong and China". Dr. Sterling Whitener and his wife Barbara, former missionaries to China, presented the program and a soup and salad luncheon followed.

The Annual June Dinner Meeting was held on June 2,1997. Dr. Raymond Hargrove, Director of Spiritual Life for Elon Homes for Children was our guest speaker. Circle meetings followed.

Our president represented the Women's Fellowship at Church Women of the Southern Conference Summer Conference held at Blackstone, Virginia. Katherine Floyd was recognized as CWSC Honored Laywoman and did represent the Southern Conference at General Synod in Columbus, Ohio. Jane Miller and Katherine Floyd attended ENC Fall Enrichment meeting in Franklinton, N.C. in September where Cile Welborn from Elon College Community Church was the featured speaker on mission programs in Brazil. Our president also attended the Southern Regional Meeting of UCC church women meeting in September at Blowing Rock Assembly Ground. The Rev. Diane Snowa was the Bible Study Leader; the Rev. Loey Powell, newly elected Executive of the Coordinating Center for Women led in worship. The Rev. Steve Miller of the Hunger Action Center also presented.

Our members support Church Women United and attend Bible Study led by Dr. James Pace of Elon College in September, World Community Day in November, World Day of Prayer in March and May Fellowship Day. We help to support the Battered Women's Shelter and Little Andrew Day Nursery through this organization.

Our Women's Fellowship coordinates the "Christmas Cheer" project for our church with \$400 from our budget and individual contributions from church members. We sponsored 5 families last Christmas and provided them with food, new/used clothing and toys.

Our women also take part in preparing meals for the Homeless Shelter, meals for individual families when needed, send cards each month to our "shut-ins" and coordinate "Meals on Wheels" which Jackie and Carv Matlock deliver on a monthly basis. We supported Suicide Crisis Center Bake Sale.

Board of Missions 1997 Annual Report

The Mission Board is responsible for co-ordinating and promoting Mission offerings for the congregation. There are 15 mission projects and agencies in our current budget. This year the Board attempted to clarify the purpose of these agencies. Mary Ruth drafted a letter to the local ministries we support requesting information and financial statements. Most of them were very co-operative and we filed the information for reference in preparing future mission budgets.

Norma Watson co-ordinated the CROP-WALK held in Elon College along with the First Reformed U.C.C. The group raised \$2,000 to

help fight hunger locally and worldwide.

Several members of our board represented the church at the Elon Homes for Children Church night. Our Church recieved recognition for it's support of the Home. Two of our board members represented us at the annual dinnermeeting of Allied Churches.

In May we assisted the Lutheran Family Services of Greensboro in providing some of the basics needed to set a home for a refugee family. We appreciate the congregation's assistance with this project.

Our Board has been in contact with our SIM missionaries, Danny and Carla Hardesty, and recieved reports of their ministry in Bolivia. They are now home on furlough and we hope to have them in church one Sunday.

We have supported Arch in his Healing the Children trips and we wait to hear more about the trip involving Elon College students and faculty.

Roberta Starr has co-ordinated our food pantry project. We continue to need staple foods for the pantry. Mary Ruth co-ordinated meals for the Homeless Shelter on the first Friday of each month. We appreciate everyone's contributions to this on-

going project.

The Board has also promoted several non-budgeted offerings this year; One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen the Church, Neighbors in Need, Elon Homes for Children and the Christmas fund, Veterans of the Cross. These offerings depend upon your generosity.

We are in the midst of a project to purchase blankets for distribution through Church World Services. The blankets cost \$5 dollars each. They will be given to people in disasters and in impoverished areas. The deadline for contributing to this project is January 13, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Barbee & Martin Shotzberger Co-chair persons

Community Organizations who shared our Facilities in 1997 . . .

Ralph Scott Life Services
Elon College Classes
Grief Support Network
Parents of Troubled Teens Support Group
Boy Scouts of America
Cub Scouts
Girl Scouts of America Brownies 1083
United Way Regional Training
Kappa Alpha Fraternity of Elon College
Southern Conference Board of Directors
Board of Directors Piedmont Housing
Southern Conference Women

Alcoholics Anonymous

North Carolina Respite Coalition
Habitat for Humanity of Elon College
Roman Catholic Campus Ministries and Fellowship
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship of Elon College
Elon College Area Clergy
Hillcrest Elementary School Staff and Faculty

helping us to live out our Mission Statement . . .

Living Christ in Today's World!

ELON COLLEGE Office of Institutional Advancement

Annual Report of Endowments to Donors and Scholarship Contacts

As of May 31, 1997

Endowment/Scholarship Name:

Elon College Community Church Scholarship Fund

Ending Balance as of May 31, 1996

\$20,555,73

Contributions Received

\$0.00

Annual Interest

\$860,72

TOTAL

\$860.72

Scholarship Assistance/ Endowment Support

\$1,000.00

Closing Balance as of May 31, 1997

\$21,416.45

Elon College Community Churca

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Annual Report 30 November 1997

The Board of Trussees has endeavored to discharge its responsibility of the church's physical property including the sanctuary/education building, Parish House, parsonage, and the church van. During 1997, the Trustees attended to a variety of routine maintenance and regains such as plumbing repairs as needed. Such matters are to be expected with a physical plant of this size and these items will not be enumerated in this report. This report will highlight items not of a routine and on-going basis.

The work of the Trustees has been greatly assisted by the close supervision of the property by Biff Brafford and Harvey Hook. It is hard to imagine how we could have accomplished what we did this year without their attention to the building. The congregation of Hom College Community Church is indeed fortunate to have such two faithful servants who care deeply about this facility.

- The Trustees authorized the formation of a Task Force to develop fund-aising project with Linda Raker serving as Chairperson. The Task Force proposed and hested the first Service Faire. Approximately 5 7.000.00 was raised toward the church budget.
- The church parking low was paved. Striping in the old lot was donated by the company.
 HASCO, Inc.
- Matthew Woody built 5 picnic tables for the church as a project for his Eagle Scout Award.
- Mike Mayse donated cost of labor toward removal of holly bushes: Jeff Chandler, Chandler Plumbing donated equipment use and time toward removal of holly bushes.
- Elon College contracted to use three classrooms in the education building for the fall senester
 due to increase in enrulment at the College. College provided housekeeping services and
 security for the use of the classrooms.
- Additional Handicapped Parking signs installed in both parking lots.
- · Approved a policy for Parish House use by not-for-profit groups.
- Bill Linde and David Ruth spent many hours sanding and regainting the wrought iron mils in front of the sanctuary.
- Handrails for the rame for the Parish House were replaced.
- An on-going concern not yet resolved is the matter of the safety of the playground equipment and the playground itself.

In the name of our Lord and Savior.

The Board of Trustees
Eric Allshouse, Jerry Dillashaw (Chair), Bill Ellis, Paul Fairfield, Brian Harper, Phoebe Harrison.
Bill Linde. David Ruth. Bobbie Scarlatta

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE Report for 1997

A committee on stewardship was activated in late October to consider and propose procedures for implementing the proposals of the Budget and Finance Committee for Calendar 1998. At the first meeting the Committee considered the proposed budget and the financial condition of the Church as explained by the Budget and Finance Committee members, the Church Treasurer and the Pastor then discussed various methods followed by our Church in past years, and reached agreement on action believed to be best suited to our congregation.

Our hope was to broaden the base of financial support by increasing the number of those who pledge regular giving, believing as William Ford Nichols is reputed to have said, "We need to give, more than the Lord needs our gifts." And that is true even if, as our eminent church member, J. Earl Danieley, was once heard to suggest, the needs of our segment of the Body of Christ are also best served by such giving.

At a later meeting, our Committee composed a letter drafted by Martin Shotzberger utilizing the United Church of Christ Stewardship Theme for 1998, "Dear God ... Thanks". It was mailed to all members on or about November 1st with cards to be returned pledging personal involvement in Church programs of service and regular giving to defray the cost of such programs. We said in that letter that we would visit those who did not respond but the response was so good that at a later meeting we decided to follow up with another letter to those who did not respond. The response to that was also good and Pastor Aitcheson reported on Sunday, December 28th, that \$217,000. of our \$225,360. budget, approved by the Congregation that day, is now underwritten.

Our Committee is truly grateful to all who have pledged and to all who will give but have not pledged, as we believe that our responses reflect the love of God and of one another. We are aware that our work is not finished and any suggestions that might help us achieve underwriting the remaining \$8,000. of our budget will be received with gratitude.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE
D. Marsh McLelland, Chairman
Sara Dodson, Martin Shotzberger,
Davis Turnage and Louis Wilkins

1 The Interpreter's Bible, Abingdon Press, 1953 Vol II, p.426.

GRIEF SUPPORT NETWORK

Since its inception in May of 1993, the Grief Support Network has met on the third Sunday of each month at the Elon College Community Church to provide comfort and support to bereaved parents and siblings of Alamance County and the surrounding area. Hardly a month goes by that a local family is not affected by the loss of a child. While it is unfortunate to say that the Grief Support Network is growing, it is comforting to know that the Network is reaching out to many bereaved families to provide support and assistance. There is an automatic bond of understanding and comfort among parents who know the devastation and ultimate sorrow of losing a child. Currently, there are approximately fifteen families and one widower actively involved with approximately 35 other individuals or families, including one in Oswego, New York, on the mailing list. All receive a monthly newsletter published by me, and thankfully mailed by our church. Members of the group draw strength from the newsletter, and from each other through the encouragement that comes from sharing a simple meal, experiences, and feelings each month. This past year, we have been blessed by the volunteer time given by a local elementaryschool counselor who comes to the monthly meetings to work with the bereaved siblings while the adults are having a discussion time.

The Support Network held its fourth "Service of Remembrance" on March 16, 1997, in our sanctuary. As with our past services, an open invitation was given to any family in our community to remember a child who has died. A candle was lit for over forty children who were remembered to symbolize the light that child brought into the world. Due to her daughter's premature birth, our planned speaker, a mother who had previously lost two children, was unable at the last minute to attend the service. Special thanks goes to Arch Aitcheson for filling in for her, and for the special message he offered to those in attendance. Following the "Service of Remembrance", a covered dish dinner was held in the Parish House, and much time was given to talking and sharing for those attending

While the Support Network continues to provide encouragement to those participating, another facet of the group has been evolving. That is, to educate other members of the community about grief and its continuing effect on our lives. Robin Woody, Arch Aitcheson, Becky Peeler, and I have been working for almost the past two years as board members of a special task force to develop a resource center and offer support for any member of the community who has or is facing grief. The results have culminated in *Circle of Care, Jamilies in Grief*. This agency is currently located in a room at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter, and is a resource center where education, support, and respite are provided. Our future dream is to move to a more centralized, larger area. As members of the Network are well aware, "Grief is not a destination, but a journey." The Network continues its support to the grieving, and gives an open invitation to anyone in the community to join us on the third Sunday of each month at 5:00 P.M.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH HISTORIAN - 1997 BY WILLIAM J. ANDES DECEMBER, 1997

Introduction

Each Sunday's church bulletin in 1997 carried this statement: Elon College Community Church is a congregation of the United Church of Christ. For over one hundred years, the congregation has sought to live out the mission of the Gospel in the community and beyond. The Mission Statement, "Living Christ in Today's World!", expresses the caring ministry to friend and stranger.

How do we do this? Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind... and love thy neighbor as thyself" (Matthew 22: 37-39). The Book of Worship of the United Church of Christ has a question for those joining the church: "Do you promise, by the Grace of God, to be Christ's desciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best as you are able?" We, the members and friends of Elon College Community Church do have services of worship, Christian Education activities, fellowship groups, committees on mission and social justice— we do reach out to help those in need. What have we, as a church, done in 1997?

<u>January:</u> Observed Epiphany, noting our mission to the whole world. Had annual meeting and installed church officers and leaders. Ordained another woman as deacon- not long ago, no woman could be deacons in our church. Mark McAdams honored on his birthday. Heather Dillashaw began her studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School to prepare for the Christian Ministry.

<u>February:</u> Observed Scout Sunday for Cub Scouts Pack 51 and Boy Scouts Troop 51. For over thirty years scouting has been a part of the Youth Program of our church. Lenten study: "Life of the Beloved" and "Can You Drink the Cup" by Henri Novwen. Catholic Mass and Catholic Fellowship in church facilities. Gospel Choir of Elon College held Gospel Extravaganza. Caroline Powell honored on her birthday. Youth Fellowship had a Valentine's Day dinner to support Habitat for Humanity.

March: "Holy Week" brought us much soul-searching. War, forgiveness, a new day and a new way from all dark worldly sadness to Easter gladness- "Christ is Risen! Alleluia!" writes the Pastor, Arch Aitcheson. Webbs Den of Pack 51 collected over 300 cans of food for the Church's pantry and Good Shepherd Kitchen. The church formed a "Pastor Parish Relations" Committee. Board of Evangelism is responsible for the Bread Ministry of the Church- a fresh loaf of homemade bread is delivered along with a letter from the Pastor to prospective members. Mr. & Mrs. Sterling Weiner, former missionaries to China, spoke to the Women's Fellowship. Fourth Annual Candlelight Service of Remembrance was held to remember children who have died and to offer surviving families a time of prayer and remembrance.

April: Church Council, following the congregational vote in December, instructed the Trustees to look for ways to raise money to supplement the church budget which was approximately \$22,000 short of what was needed. The Fund Raising Committee was named: Linda Raker, Ann Vickers, Doris Bradford, Sara Dodson, Brian Harper, Ken Bensen, and Ralph Jourdan. Crop Walk was held April 13, 1997. Youth Fellowship adopted a "Grandparents Day" and visited Twin Lakes. Board of Christian Education hosted an appreciation breakfast June 21 for Church School teachers. Board of Trustees awarded the first scholarship grant of \$1,000 from the A/C ETC Fund to Heather Dillashaw at Vanderbilt Divinity School.

May: First annual Service Faire was held May 31 to raise funds to supplement budget. Youth Fellowship presented L Grande Chateau, an evening of dining and entertainment, to raise funds for their summer trip. Various groups in the church provided meal and help on the first Friday of each month at Allied

Church' Emergency Night Shelter. Nathan Gill, John Heinzerling, Sarah Hemphill, Tara McKenna, and Matthew Woody were inducted by Western Alamance High School into the National Honor Society. The gravel parking lots were paved and striping made. Twelve handicap parking spaces provided. Matthew Woody constructed five picnic tables as part of his Eagle Scout work. Heather Dillashaw preached on the subject "Here am I, send me" as she prepared to leave for Vanderbilt Divinity School.

June and July: Ruth Hurst, a member now living in California, writes that she is 96 years old and appreciates cards, letters, prayers, etc. Graduates from high school and college were recognized. Summer Conference for Church Women of the Southern Conference met June 16-18 in Blackstone, Va. Vacation Bible School, called "Wild Frontier Bible Theme Park" was held June 23-27. Beverly Beyer left for Bulgaria for a two-year term with the Peace Corp. A concert on the church lawn held July 19 when Brad Linde and the Velveteen Rabbi performed.

<u>August:</u> Trustees voted to repair down-spouting and drains. The first annual Service Faire was a success, \$7,000 plus. Football Sunday, August 17, paired families with football players and staff from Elon College. Promotion Sunday was August 24 and September 28 was Rally Day. Stephens Ministers trained and ready to serve as Care-givers and compassionate listeners to those needing Christian care.

September: Board of Christian Education invited the entire church to take a bold step into the future to participate in soul nourishment by making a new commitment to Christian Education. Christian Education is the core of all that we do in worship, mission, evangelism and more. Katherine Floyd was named by the Church Women of the Southern Conference as their 1997 Woman of the Year. She also was honored at the last General Synod of the United Church. She is the Moderator of the Elon College Community Church for 1998. Special Fridays involves children with "Downs Syndrome" and their parents. Needed are adult church members who can help with this program. We are greatful for the Chancel Choirs and Chancel Bell Ringers. Family Weekend for college students and families, September 21, brought together 473 people. Music was provided by the Gospel Choir of Elon College and our Chancel Choir. Volunteers are needed to work with Terrific Thursdays children's program.

October: Confirmation classes began October 5. Homecoming was October 12. Girl Scouts meet on Monday nights. Young people sold Christmas ornaments to support their Mission Work Project. Their officers are: President, Lydia Troxler; Vice President, Matthew Woody; Secretary, Katy Grosse; Fund Raiser/Treasurer, Meg Wilkins; Historian, Jeff Wilkins; Youth Advisor, Leslie Denny.

November: We have a great music team: Betty Dillashaw, pianist; Richard Neubauer, organist; and Liz Aitcheson, choir director. Exam bags were delivered to Elon College students during exam time.

<u>December:</u> Groups provided Christmas Cheer. Love Feast, December 7, made possible by college students. On December 28, the church adopted the 1998 Church budget and elected officers and boards. The church celebrated Christmas with many worship services and ministries to others. Beth Schmidt was elected mayor of the Town of Elon College. Phoebe Harrison and Dickie Keziah, Jr., were elected as town alderman. Nell Snyder was honored for her 20 years on the town council.

Submitted By: Bill Andes

Nominating Committee Report Elon College Community Church Leadership 1998

Moderator: Katherine Floyd Building Fund Secretary (1998): Roberta Starr

Moderator Elect: Jim Lyon

Treasurer: Bill Beyer (1998) Historian: Bill Andes, Pastor Emeritus

Assistant Treas: Ann Acquilano (1998) Photographer: Mike Mayse

Secretary: Jimma Causey

Board of Deacons:

1998 1999 2000

Gayland Welborn Beth Wilkins

Ray Harclerode Lou Harper Jackie Matlock Verona Danieley Wilma Williamson Lynn Demy

Board of Trustees:

1998 1999 2000

Eric Allshouse Paul Fairfield Jeff Neubauer
Phoebe Harrison David Ruth Rollin Heinzerling
Jerry Dillashaw Brian Harper Richard Orsvath

Board of Christian Education:

1998 1999

Melodie AllshouseRobin GregoryJ.R. HeinzerlingRichard RinkerSuzanne ShipleyLeslie Demy

Laura Chatfield Lydia Troxler

Board of Missions:

1998 1999 2000

Carol Heinzerling Wally Snyder Jane Alexander
Martin Shotzberger Mary Ruth Helen Rippy
David Turnage Lee Ann Long Al Carpenter

Board of Evangelism:

1998 1999 2000

Shirley Beyer Patsy Jourdan Olga Griswold
Earl Danieley Kim Perry Liz Bensea
Mike Gregory* Christy Ruth Linda Vogg

Building Supervisor: Biff Brafford (1996) (1997) (1998)

Assistant Building Supervisor: Harvey Hook (1996) (1997)(1998)

Public Relations Coordinator: Cindy Benson (1997)(1998)

Boy Scout Committee:

Class of 1998 Jim Brown

Class of 1999 Bill Rippy

Rollin Heinzerling

Suzanne Shipley

George Troxler

Delegates to the Eastern NC Association UCC:

1998 (3)

1998 Alternates: (2)

1.Emmett Floyd 2.Katherine Floyd 1.Mary Ruth 2.Bill Ruth

3.Martin Shotzberger

Delegates to the Southern Conference UCC:

1998

1998 Alternates: (2)

1.Bill Rippy 2.Helen Rippy 1. Dick Rinker 2. Beth Scmidt

3.Ray Harclerode

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE (To be nominated by Nominating Committee)

Pastor Parish Relations:

1998

1999

Verona Danieley

(Deacon)

Katherine Floyd (Council Chair 1998) (Trustee) Paul Fairfield

Laura Chatfield (CE) Bill Blanchard 1997 Council Chair

(Evangelism Board Member) Mike Gregory

COUNCIL COMMITTEES: (To Be Chosen by the Church Council)

Budget & Finance Committee:

1998

1999 (2)

Beth Schmidt Dick Rinker

(Deacons) (CE)

(Trustee): (Evangelism):

Martin Shotzberger(Missions)

Personnel Committee:

Stewardship Committee:

1998

1999 (2)

Marsh McLelland

Bobbie Scarlatta (Trustees) Melodie Allshouse(CE)

Sara Dodson Dave Turnage

1998

Louis Wilkins

1999

Wilma Williamson(Deacon)

EmmettFloyd

Nominating Committee:

1998

1999(3)

Pastor is Chair

Carol Heinzerling Gayland Welborn

CUB SCOUT PACK 51

Fifty-two boys: five Tiger Cubs (first graders), thirty-one Cubs (second and third graders) and sixteen Webelos (fourth and fifth graders) are members of the church's cub scout pack. Twenty-two adults provide leadership for the seven dens which meet each Monday night. These are den leaders Marty and Jill Baker, Susan Harrington, Gwynne Warren, Andy Meredith, Michael Susat, Sid Holt, John Smith, Mary Kaczor, Tim Pyrant, Mary and David Ward, Roland Stewart, Charles Jordan, Yancey Tickle, and Drew Neill, and assistant cubmasters Junior Bare, Mary Ann Johnson and Alton Trott. Please join me in thanking them for sharing their time and talents.

In March and April eight Webelos received the Arrow of Light which is the highest award in Cub Scouting. We again exceeded the national standards for rank advancement, and for the percent of our Cubs who participate in the summertime programs. Eight Cubs attended Cub Day Camp for one week in June and most of our Webelos along with five leaders attended Webelos Resident Camp at Camp Cherokee or Camp Raven Knob in August. Our pack received the National Summertime Pack Award and the Honor Unit Award in 1997.

Some highlights of our program this year have been our Pack's Spring camping trip to Woodfield Scout Preservation in Randolph County. We had 98 people from our pack camping together (not counting family members under the age of six). Junior Bare and his crew cooked dinner and breakfast for all those hungry folks. This summer we visited the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer and had a pack picnic and hiking trip to Fairy Stone State Park in Stuart, Virginia. In August we had a well attended swimming party and hot dog supper at the Racquet Club. Last May the cubs participated in a bike safety program, bike inspection and bike rodeo. Our annual fund raiser, the pack's Father and Son Cake Sale in November provided some unusual and creative cakes and was a lot of fun for everyone. At our December Pack meeting each boy received a "space derby kit". At our January meeting the rocket ships which the boys build will be judged for design and creativity, and the builders will race their rockets which are propelled by rubber band motors.

We have had a great year! We appreciate the continued support of our pack committee members: Jim Brown, chairman; Henry Buckner; Charles Lisum; Mark McAdams and Mack Scott.

George Troxler Cubmaster







